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RIS (R) — President George sh would like to see rebel banese General Michel Acun e up power as soon as possible, U.S. ambassador to France d Tuesday. "We're discuanted with General Acun," inbassador Walter Curley told Anglo-American Press Asso-

King in Riyadh for talks with Saudi leader

RIYADH (Agencies) — His Majesty King Hussein arrived here Tuesday for talks with King Fahd Ben Abdul Aziz expected to centre on the latest developments in the Middle East and ibilities of convening an Arab summit to discuss the Lebanese situation and Soviet Jewish immigration to Israel.

The King, who is accompanied by Prime Minister Mudar Badran, Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Political Advisor Advan Abu Odeh and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasesa, was received upon arrival by King Fahd, Crown Prince Abdullah Ben Abdul Aziz, Defence Minister Prince Sultan Ben Abdul Aziz and senior Saudi officials.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said the King was on a working visit to Saudi Arabia but it did not give details. Arab diplomats in Riyadh, quoted by the Associated Press, said the King's talks with the Sandi monarch could determine whether an Arab summit could

be convened to discuss the situation and Soviet Jewish immigration

Saudi Arabia, along with Morocco and Algeria, is a member of the Arab League committee of Lebanon. The committee was recommended a summit of the 22-member Arab League to follow up the attempts to restore a legitimate government in Lebanon.

Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) have led calls for a special summit of Arab leaders to discuss the anticipated influx of hundreds of thousands of Soviet Jews into

Israel and the general course of peace efforts. Reaction to a suggested summit on Lebanon has been limp, with diplomate pointing to the long-standing bitter rift between Syria and Iraq as the cause. Algeria's Foreign Minister Ahmad Ghozali is touring Arab countries to dram up support.

Aoun seen poised to launch major onslaught on LF

BEIRUT (Agencies) - Reneg-ade General Michel Aoun called up reserve forces Tuesday in apparent preparation for a major assault to overrun part of the Christian hinterland north of Beirut and cripple a rival militia.

Meanwhile, Aoun's gunners and militiamen of Samir Geagea's Lebanese Forces (LF) duelled with Howitzers and mortars in cast Beirgt and the snow-blanketed mountains northeast of the capital in the 15th day of the intra-Christiaa showdown. Geagea, in an interview with

the Arabic service of Radio Monte Carlo, said Monday he had held his second telephone discussion with Aoun since the confrontation broke out Jan. 30. "I talked to the general by telephone and we discussed the situation," Geagea said. He did not disclose when the call was

"I told the general that we should negotiate to put an end to this useless war, but I cannot accept to be annihilated," Geagea told his interviewer.

BONN (Agencies) — The two Germany's have agreed in princi-

ple to work out a programme for

reunification together and only

then bring in the four allies that

conquered them in World War II,

West German officials said

East German Prime Minister

Hans Modrow agreed with the "two plus four" plan Bonn Chan-

cellor Helmut Kohl presented to

Soviet President Mikhail Gor-

bachev last weekend, said the

officials, who asked not to be

This plan would avoid a World

War II treaty or any other moves

by the four wartime powers -

Britain, France, the Soviet Union

and the United States - that

would imply the Germans were

second-class actors in their own

Modrow's acceptance marked

yet another East German conces-

sion to Bonn, which is openly

leading the debate on how the

two states will merge.
The officials said the four allies

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named, Renters reported.

Aoun has said no militias should be allowed to operate in the Christian enclave.

Geagea told the radio: "I hope today we have entered a new stage. I am not sure, but things seem to be moving in that direc-

But clashes persisted between his militiamen and Aoun's forces and Aoun vowed to crush the Lebanese Forces militia unless it surrendered. "The army has suffered losses

but will continue the surgical operation to reach the ideal state, where the illegal rifle does not dominate," Aoun told a news conference at his presidential palace in Beirut's suburb of Baabda.

"We do not want to cause any further disintegration to Lebanon... I appeal to you to merge your rifle with our rifle to defend Lebanon," he said, addressing militiamen of the LF. The fighting, some of the worst in Lebanon's 15 years of civil war,

empted when Aoun ordered the

out unity, then call in allies

during the inter-German talks.

The Soviet Union and the Un-

ited States have already given

German unity, has not yet spoken

on the issue while Britain remains

wants "massive consultation"

across Europe before the two

Kohl plans to visit Paris on

Thursday and Washington next

week to explain his plan. A visit

to London is planned for next

After Madrow emerged from his hourlong closed-door talk with Kohl Tuesday, he told reporters the discussion was

businesslike" and covered a

number of proposals for joint

projects. But he said no agree-

ments were reached, nor were

Modrow said before his discus-

any concrete plans for pursuing

sion with the West German lead-

er that his coalition government

had not authorised him to

unity decided on.

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France, which has supported

their blessing to Kohl's plan.

LF to disarm

states unite.

Germanys agree to work

Aoun, strapped for cash be-cause of sanctions imposed by the internationally recognised Lebanese government of President Elias Hrawi, has accused the LF of using its weapons only to

"We will not submit to the terrorism of the gunmen," the 54-year-old general said. He said Geagea was bound to lose eventually and told him to submit "or things will get very bad."

Geagea calls Aoun a dictator who wants to eliminate the militia so he can exercise unrivalled power in the Christian enclave. Aoun refuses to recognise the authority of Hrawi, who governs

west Beirut with Syrian King Fahd of Saudi Arabia has advised Hrawi against using his army to end the ongoing fighting, a Saudi minister said on Monday.

Mohammad Masoud, minister of state and acting information minister, said the king made his appeal during a telephone conversation Saturday.

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have rejected Bonn's call for

quickly making the powerful

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currency in their troubled nation,

fearing that West Germany is

pushing the reunification process

But West German leaders con-

sider a common currency the only

means of giving East Germans

immediate confidence in their fu-

The East German economy is

hemorrhageing from an exodus of workers to the West — an esti-

mated 2,000 daily. The exodus is also seriously straining West Ger-

many's housing and job markets

In the East German city of Leipzig Monday night, demon-strators demanded an immediate

currency union or said they would

Modrow was accompanied by

10 other experts and advisers for

leave for West Germany.

and its social services.

East German political leaders

day visit.

'Sharon wanted Arabs to kill Arabs'

TEL AVIV (R) — An Israeli parliamentarian Tuesday accused fellow Liked party member Ariel Sharon of wanting to quell the Palestinian uprising by arming Arabs to kill each other.

Benyamin Begin, son of former Prime Minister Menachem Begin, levelled the charge a day after Sharon quit the government in protest at proposed Israeli-Palestinian talks.

Begin told Israel Radio that Sharon, who led Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, last November proposed giving weapons to Arabs collaborating with Isreli forces in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

This Arab revolt won't end until thousands of Arabs are killed by Arabs," he quoted Sharon as saying at a meeting of the rightist Liked party.

Sharon, who submitted his res-

ignation as trade and industry minister on Monday, confirmed that he wanted to arm Arabs opposed to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). "We have to give people a chance to protect themselves and

in this case we are talking about Arabs who are prepared to de-fend themselves against the PLO ..." Sharon, 61, told the radio.
"But our government doesn't allow them." Israel has supplied light weapons

to many of its allies in the occupied territories but has kept tight control on their use. . Sharon, who has repeatedly

asked for the chance to crush the 26-month-old Palestinian revolt, has advocated iron-fist policies throughout his stormy career. A former general, he ruthlessly put down guernilla activity in Gaza in the 1970s.

But the unpopularity at home of his 1982 invasion of Lebanon was considered a major factor in Begin's decision to resign as prime minister in 1983.

An Israeli commission of inquiry found Sharon indirectly responsible for the massacre of hundreds of Palestinian refugees in 1982 after Lebanese militiamen were allowed to enter camps in Israeli-held Beirut.

Benyamin Begin quoted Sharon as saying his scheme was based on the British suppression of the 17 cabinet members and at least 1936-39 Arab revolt in the pre-Israel mandate of Palestine.

Israeli police beat up 40 students in Bethlehem occupied territories was singled BETHLEHEM, occupied West

Bank (Agencies) — Palestinians said nearly 40 Palestmian students were beaten by Israeli police in Bethlehem Tuesday but the army claimed they hurt themselves when they jumped over a

Students and Palestinian witnesses quoted by Reuters said police entered a secondary school in the occupied West Bank town and beat students with clubs and gun butts.

An army spokesman said police entered the school yard after being stoned and pupils tried to run away. "Students injured themselves as a result of jumping over a ridge," he said. A Palestinian doctor at a Bethlehem hospital said he treated 20 students, many with broken

bones and bruises. Officials at the Al Hussein hospital said 17 students arrived with various injuries, and three remained for observation.

Mustafa Ishak, 16, one of the injured students, said police lined them up against a wall and clubbed them to find out who had thrown stones.

ICRC hits Israeli policy

Israel's settlement policy in the used by Israel in its tough hand-

out Tuesday by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) as a serious violation of unanitarian law. ICRC President Cornelio Som-

maruga, noting that colonisation of areas occupied in war is illegal under the Geneva conventions, said "Israeli authorities know that this is a violation.

He said that the ICRC, which monitors compliance with the conventions but rarely singles out countries for criticism, will continue to press Israel on this point.

"We consider that this policy is grave violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention," Sommaruga told a news conference in which he reviewed the all-Swiss humanitarian organisation's work

over the past year.
The Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, protecting civilians from the effects of war, specifically prohibits an occupying power from transferring its population into land it occupies.

Israel is promoting Jewish settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, and a recently rising influx of Soviet Jews has further complicated the issue.

Sommaruga renewed Red Cross criticism of other measures

uprising in the occupied territories.

He cited expulsions from the occupied territories, the transfer of detainees to Israel, destruction of dwellings, "disproportionate" use of force by authorities and "excesses" in Israeli jails.

Arafat writes to EC

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has written to leaders of the 12 European Community (EC) countries asking them to do what they can to restrain Israeli troops in the occupied Gaza Strip.

Six Palestinians have been killed and more than 130 wounded during a week of clashes between Israeli troops and Palestinians in the strip, especially around the Rafah area.

The Palestinian news agency WAFA said Tuesday Arafat's letters were handed to the Italian ambassador in Tunis in Monday

for distribution. Italy's Tunis embassy also represents Ireland, the current chairman of the European Com-

WAFA said Arafat asked the EC states to "intervene and act to stop these crimes and acts of

Shamir seeks to restore order to rebellious Likud

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir moved Tuesday to reconcile hardline opponents in the rightwing Liked bloc a day after a chaotic party meeting that included a resignation from the cabinet by Industry Minister Ariel Sharon.

persisted inside Israel's ruling party. Political activists and analysts divided about whether Shamir or Sharon had emerged victorious from Monday's ses-

Efforts were also underway by party activists to persuade Sharon, the former defence minister and architect of Israel's 1982 Lebanon invasion, to withdraw his letter of resignation.

Sharon said on Israel radio he had no plans to retract the letter, but he also left a door open to compromise. He noted that if he had not quit on principle, "I would prefer certainly to stay in the government."

By Israeli law, the resignation does not take effect until 48 hours

letter, leaving a lot of time for manoeuvring.

The effect of Sharon's resignation and Monday's chaotic Likud central committee meeting on Israeli plans for "peace" also remained uncertain. Sharon's departure from the

inet could remove an obs to U.S.-sponsored efforts to start talks with Palestinians, since he is the ringleader of the hardline But Shamir, in trying to hold

together party unity at the meeting, restated his opposition to at least some U.S.-backed compromises for starting the talks. Vice-Premier and Labour Party chief Shimon Peres said of Shamir's speech, "I don't think

that this was a great contribution to the peace process." Labour is Likud's partner in the coalition government and has been pushing for compromise.

Labour leaders met Monday night and decided not to make any moves that would likely break up the government as long

after the premier receives the as there is a chance for peace But a senior Labour official said the party would demand a new cabinet vote on Israel's plan for elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip and could leave the government unless it

got backing. Some Labour members deman ded that the party quit the coalition immediately because the initiative had been compromised.

"I don't think we can continue to live in this marriage," Yossi Beilin, a top aide to Peres, told

the Associated Press. Sharon announced his cabinet departure at a 90-minute meeting of Likud's 3,070-member central committee. He protested the government's failure to end the 26month Palestinian uprising and

sector. "I have reached the conclusion that I can no longer, by serving in the government, prevent our downfall," Sharon said. "Mr.

ensure permanent Israeli rule in

all Jerusalem, including the Arab

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Tumultuous welcome for Mandela in hometown

welcome Tuesday as he returned to his hometown after 27 years in prison for taking up arms against white-minority rule. Today my return to Soweto

fills my heart with joy," Mandela told an ecstatic but orderly crowd of 120,000 people. "At the same time. I have a deep sadness that you are still suffering under an unjust system."
The black leader, wearing

reading glasses and dressed in a gray suit and tie, again reiterated his African National Congress' (ANC) policy of armed struggle against apartheid. The ANC will continue the

armed struggle as long as the violence of apartheid continues," he said in his nearly 30-minute speech. He condemned inter-black violence, which he said set back the

black cause. He called for a nonracial system of education and urged children to attend school. "Our people need proper housing, not ghettos like Soweto," he told the crowd in the huge soccer

ment of repression.

"I call on the police to abandon apartheid," he said. "Join in the march to new South Africa. where you also have a place."

security forces, whom he said many blacks now see as an instru-

Mandela addressed the white

walked in, waving and smiling. For most in the frenzied crowd, it was their first sight of the man most blacks consider their leader. He was released from prison Sunday.

"Mandela, Mandela," the crowd roared as he slowly walked around the field, flanked by top ANC leaders and other anti-apartheid groups. Thousands of screaming people shot their fists into the air and danced as Mandela passed them, returning the clenched fist salute.

"God bless Africa," the crowd sang in rolling cadences as Mandela stood on a podium set up at one end of the field. Mandela, 71, raised his first in the air as he joined in the anthem of the antiapartheid movement.

"I am so happy. I am proud because how long have we been waiting for Nelson Mandela. We are near to get what we are booing for - freedom," spectator Tebello Pooe said in broken

The event was not televised live in South Africa, as Mandela's release Sunday had been,

Tens of thousands of people outside the stadium desperately tried to get inside. Hundreds of ANC marshals struggled to hold back the crowds back, closing many of the stadium's gates.

Columns of people blocked evcry street leading to the stadium even after the facility was full.

SOWETO (AP) — Throngs of stadium in the black township wildly cheering and singing blacks gave Nelson Mandela a hero's walked in, waving and smiling.

Buses with dozens of people crammed inside and on the roofs walked in, waving and smiling. crowded streets.

Villence in Natal

Fifty people have been re-ported killed in escalating Natal province violence since Mandela was freed from prison, police said Tuesday. Newspapers and witnesses said

Indians have been coming under increasing attack from blacks in the port city. The increased violence in an

area already wracked by four years of black political faction fighting "has been linked to the raised political temperature created by Mr. Mandela's release and his statement that the ... armed struggle would continue." the Star of Johannesburg newspaper said.

Jac Buchner, police commis-sioner for the Zulu homeland, said guns were used to kill 13 people in the Npumalanga township on Monday. He called it "a worrying escalation," in an area where firebombs, knives and sharpened sticks are the usual weapons. More than 2,500 people have been killed in the violence since 1986.

Police said most of the fighting was between ANC supporters and members of the Inkatha political organisation of Zula chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi. They said criminal elements also were tak-

approve measures aimed at the West German talks. would be kept informed regularly Obeidat says democracy needs system of accountability to tackle roots of problems streets in order to express their -justice?

AMMAN (J.T.) — Former lieving that we can contain the Prime Minister Ahmad Obeidat crisis without setting up a system has called for setting up a system of accountability "that tackles the roots of the problems faced by Jordanians today" as the only way towards achieving real demo-

cracy and salvation. To hear people merely talk about democracy in the press, circulating sensational stories. distributing secret pemphlets and airing views about the harm done to the country by the actions of those who abused power and destroyed institutions and dealt a severe blow to national unity, and. at the same time attributing the crisis to external factors, cannot solve any problems," Obeidat said in a lecture he delivered. Monday.

"Indeed such an attitude can be extremely dangerous for the. country. If we believe that finding vent in talking and writing in the press about these things and be-

crisis without setting up a system of accountability and taking firm stens to tackle the roots of the problems, we are totally mis-taken," he said. "This approach can backfire on us," he warned. In his lecture at the Maan Cultural and Sports Club, Obcidat said: "I disagree with many who believe that damage done to our country resulted from some mistakes that can be overcome and can be justified. Let us assume that this is true, but what is more dangerous than this, in my view, is the fact that those responsible for the damage are heads of schools of corruption. Those heads have been found by the masses to have abused authority and tampered with public funds, but despite that they still

have their audience and their

supporters who forget that our

people have already condemned

anger, calling for their downfall. Today we hear some people preparing the ground for the creation of new Jordanian political grouping under the slogan 'God, the Nation, the King." This is stark hypocricy because such slogans cannot and should not be bargained over. Therefore I regard such attitude as a display of disregard for the country and citizens and is part of the old system of persistent trading with Jordanian people's rights and a desperate attempt to cover blunders and abuses against this coun-

"Who is this genius who tries to exploit the democratic climate in Jordan with utter rudeness assuming that the Jordanian people are so naive?" Obeidat asked. "And what chance is now sought by those adventurers who are these people and took to the trying to gain time to escape

try and the interests of its

to grow and flourish." The crisis in Jordan is a local one, and it is a Jordanian case

"In my view, good examples demonstrated by Jordanians in dealings with one another can

Jordan, said Obeidat, had to An explosion of joy rocked the

The former prime minister said a lack of mutual confidence among the Jordanian people was behind the crisis in the country and the "dislocation of society, allowing elements of corruption

which can only be solved by the Jordanian people," he said.

rebuild trust which is an essential and vital element to enhance cohesion between the leadership and the base and can serve as a guarantee to provide protection for the Jordanian democratic march in the face of all challenges and under all circumstances," he

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Fighting continues in Massawa

EPLF repels Ethiopian army bid to recapture Red Sea port

Massawa last Saturday included

Brigadier-General Telahun Aza-

zi, the commander of the Ethio-

pian army's 606th Corps, and Brigadier-General Ali Haji, the

commander of the Third Moto-

A spokesman for the World Food Programme (WFP), Paul Mitchell, said U.N. staff in Mas-

sawa reported Sunday night the

EPLF had seized all areas of

Massawa on the mainland, but

the army was holding out on an

island where the town's commer-

land by a narrow causeway.

Mitchell, speaking by tele-phone from Rome, said the U.N.

staff in Massawa, who were all

Ethiopian nationals, were due to

have been evacuated by sea at

from them since then, he said.

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minister between 1984 and 1985,

reviewed various developments

in Jordan dating back to 1946

when the country won independ-

ence and later in 1948 when Israel

was created in Palestine. He paid

tribute to the Jordanian armed

forces, which he said, offered heavy sacrifices in defending the

He said that since the proc-

lamation of unity between the

West and East Banks of the River

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ties continued to grow and "the

two peoples became one people

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Obeidat, who served as prime

But nothing had been heard

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This is connected to the main-

cial port is situated.

midnight Sunday.

'Accountability needed'

ADDIS ABABA (R) — Government troops and rebels clashed again at the Red Sea port of Massawa and along the road linking it to the capital of Eritrea province, Asmara, Ethiopia's state news agency said

"The army and people's militia are still engaged in intensive struggle on various fronts," the agency reported. But it gave no further details about the fighting. The rebel Entrean People's Li-

beration Front (EPLF) said it captured Massawa Saturday, but U.N. personnel trapped in the town reported by radio that government forces still controlled part of it Sunday night.

EPLF spokesman Yemane Gabre Meskel told Reuters in Nairobi by telephone from London that according to his latest information Massawa was now under full rebel control.

The retreating government forces had regrouped in the near-by Dahlak Islands, from where they tried unsuccessfully to retake Massawa in a sea-borne invasion Monday, he added.

Yemane said rebels sank six government ships and captured one landing craft in Monday's counter-attack.

He said prisoners taken during mer Italian colony, launched a the EPLF's lightining attack on massive offensive Thursday at

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face a great deal of challenges on

the domestic and external fronts

but had always come out success-

ful. "Successive governments

fought corruption, crime and in-

justice, thanks to our sound in-

stitutions and responsible citizens

at all levels," he said. "But unfor-

tunately many things have now

changed and many imbalances

most dangerous stages through which Jordan is going through, mainly because of neglect of pub-

lic service, of duty on the part of

officials charged with controlling financial institutions and banks,"

he said. "Borrowing large sums of money, squandering public

funds, and disregard for the treas-

ury led to a serious situation that

require hard and long years of

work to rectify matters and out

things back on the right track,"

Obeidat said that the resump-

tion of democratic rule in Jordan

should be considered as a major

gain that must be encouraged. The present stage, he said, re-quires from Jordanians to define

the national goals before reform

can commence. "In my view,

placing the right man in the right

position, social justice, respect for all citizens and the prevalence

of law and order are most essen-

tial elements for a successful

democracy," he said. Obeidat said that Jordanian-

Palestinian unity was a "natural

result of the joint struggle in the

face of colonial powers and the

martyrs on both sides who fell in

"The present stage is one of the

have emerged in all fields."

several points along a 200-kilometre front from Massawa on the coast to Keren in the central highlands of the province. If the rebels do hold Massawa

they will be able to close the last remaining gateway for food, fuel and other supplies to the handful of government-held towns in Eritrea's central highlands.

Overland links from the highlands to the rest of Ethiopia have been cut for over two years by another rebel group, the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) in neighbouring Tigray

Diplomats and relief workers said the government had already mounted an emergency airlift of troops and supplies to Asmara, whose population of 400,000 can now only be supplied by plane.

Eritrea and Tigray were both stricken by severe drought last year and the United Nations has warned up to four million people in these and other northern provinces could starve to death unless food aid reaches them soon.

The worst food crisis is in Eritrea, which suffered 80 per cent crop losses last year. Mitchell said all relief work in the province had ground to a halt since the EPLF launched its offensive last week.

The diplomats and relief workers said the EPLF would command a well-equipped deep water port with 50,000 tonnes of food aid stored in its warehouses if it held Massawa.

The seizure of the port would enable the EPLF to reduce its dependence on supplies trucked by night along rough and narrow roads from Sudan and allow relief agencies to intensify famine relief efforts on the rebel side of the lines, they added.

Danish ship attacked

A Danish ship carrying relief supplies is reported to have been attacked by a gunboat off the embattled port of Massawa, Lloyd's Shipping Information Service said Tuesday.

A Lloyd's spokesman said the Dublin charterers of the Svea Atlantic reported the ship was attacked on Monday 27 miles off Massawa in the Red Sea.

They had no details of casualties or damage but said the vessel was being escorted by a gunboat to the southern Ethiopian port of

Lloyd's said the Svea Atlantic left Dublin on Jan. 17 for Belfast. It sailed from Belfast on Jan. 19 and had been due to dock in Massawa Monday.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

militia leader Samir Geagea.

Saudis pledge \$23m to Alexandria library

in reality regardless of the hardships that they had to face together and despite the difficulties which arose after the creation of the Palestine Liberation Orgafund a new building near the site of the ancient world's most influential centre of learning. The Egyptian spokesman said Sandi Arabia had offered \$20 million for the library. Sandi Prince Turk ment from the occupied West Ibn Abdul Aziz Monday donated three million. A ceremony Bank in July 1988, "the unity of attended by queens, princesses and leaders was held Monday at Aswan to raise funds to rebuild the library, destroyed by fire more Jordanians and Palestinians will have a profound effect on the than 2,000 years ago. Construction costs are estimated at between future of the two peoples who in \$100 and \$200 million and Egypt hopes other countries will provide funds to cover running costs. The ancient library attracted leading Greek scholars of the day and achieved fame as a centre fact share a common destiny in this part of the world no matter how hard some people try to of learning in astronomy, mathematics and philosophy. interpret this state of affairs,

Sudan, C. African Republic restore ties

have restored diplomatic relations broken last year after Khartoum barred an overflight by the republic's president, state Radio Omdurman said Tuesday. The radio said ties were re-established Monday after a visit to Bangui by Sudanese head of state General Omar Hassan Al Bashir. Bangui severed relations last March after Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi's government refused to allow a plane taking President Andre Kolingba to Israel to enter Sudanese airspace. Sudanese television quoted Bashir as saying that restoring ties with neighbouring states was one of the reasons behind his coup of June 30, 1989, which ousted Mahdi. Radio Omdurman said a joint communique issued after Bashir's visit called for the reopening of the border. It said flights would also be

Jurists appeal for Anderson release

GENEVA (R) — An international group of judges and lawyers called for U.S. hostage Terry Anderson's release, saying his kidnappers in Lebanon should realise that governments would not bargain for his release. "We are at a loss to understand for what purpose his captors are holding him," the International Commission of Jurists said as Anderson, a journalist with the Associated Press news agency, neared the end of his fifth year in captivity. The commission, which seeks to defend human rights and the rule of law, said Anderson should be released on humanitarian

Mothers are victims in east Beirut war

BEIRUT (R) — Brother is fighting brother in east Beirut's Christian war but many victims are mothers killed or maimed trying to save their children. Mary was breast-feeding her four-month-old baby girl when a storm of rockets from a multibarrelled launcher smashed into her home in the Christian

the rubble they found the infant still sackling her mother's torn

"With difficulty we spened the arms of the... mother to remove the baby," said Doctor Edgar Haddad at the battered Arz Hosptal at Jal Al Deeb. The tragedy was one of many

witnessed by Haddad and his team during savage inter-Christian fighting in which more than 430 people have been killed 1,600 wounded since Jan. 31.

Hospital sources said many casualties were mothers and fathers killed by shrapnel or suiper fire while trying to get food to their children, trapped in cold and dark underground

"We received a woman shot by salper fire when she was climbing the stairs from the shelter to prepare a bottle of milk to her baby," Haddad

"Another woman was killed when shrapnel hit her in the neck as she was baking bread for her hungry children," he

Haddad said he was treating casualties in the basement of the heavily shelled hospital when a distraught woman walked in asking about her son.
"I felt something bad has



A Christian woman begs Lebanese soldiers to help find her children who were lost in east Beirut when fighting broke out between rival Christian

knew anything about him... his name is Tony... please tell me," Haddad quoted the mother as saying after braving shell-torn streets in her journey from the mountain village of Suballeh.

"Her son was badly wounded... he died a day after his mother arrived," Haddad said. Other mothers are still waiting for news of sous missing since fighting erupted when General Michel Aoun tried to disarm his onetime allies, Samir Geagea's Lebanese Forces (LF) militia.

"Mothers don't care about

wrong ...We only went this madness to step," said Laure Chahine who has a sen with the children." army and another with the LF. "We feel the same when we see Muslims killing each other

feels to lose a son," she said, her voice choking with emo-As she spoke, a local radio station said heavy shelling was lashing Hazmiyeh area where her son's army barracks were located. She ran to a window overlooking the area and

...only a mother knows how it

prayed aloud:
"Virgin Mary, you alone know how I feel because you

are a mother... look after my Geages said many of his mili-tismen had brothers fighting

with the army.
"One of our fighters was fighting on one front at Diayeh... he saw his brother fighting with the army on the opposing battlefront... how can he shoot his brother," he said. Chahine, who already lost a

son in Lebanon's 15 years of civil war, said she would wear black until the day she dies. "Losing a son is the worst thing that could ever happen to a woman... for me life stopped when I lost my son."

Cypriot

leaders

agree to

new talks

UNITED NATIONS (R) - Cyp

riot President George Vassilion and Turkish Cypniot leader Ranf

Denktash have agreed to a new

round of talks here beginning on Feb. 26 to try to remite their

divided island, a U.N. source

He said Denktash gave his for \$

mal consent at a meeting at the

weekend with the U.N. repre-

sentative in Nicosia, Oscar Cami-

lion. Vassiliou had previously sig-

nalled his acceptance of the date

proposed by Secretary General

Javier Perez de Cuellar about two

Lebanese soldier finds body of brother he might have killed

Lebanon's inter-Christian war found the body of his brother in a Beirut hospital Tuesday and broke down in tears at the thought he might have killed him

The soldier, a member of General Michel Aoun's army, passed down rows of corpses, lying on the floor of Baabda Hospital because its morgue was

Lebanese Forces (LF) militia, the never felt life could be so cheap," soldier sobbed: "Maybe I killed him in the battle of Dbayeh." He placed the body in the boot

of his car and went to hunt for a Caskets for the dead are in

short supply because of the high

ANKARA (AP) — Turkey has opened some of the sinice gates

of its giant Ataturk Dam, allow-

ing Euphrates River water to flow

south to neighbours Syria and

Turkey diverted the main flow

of the Euphrates River on Jan. 13

in order to increase the water

level in the Ataturk Dam reser-

voir and to finish some construc-

tion work on derivation channels.

diversion, expressing fear that their farmlands would be dam-

aged and their electricity produc-

Public Works Minister Cengiz

Altinkaya said Turkey was able

to release the Euphrates waters a

day before the scheduled date as a result of "an extraordinary

Altinkaya spoke at a ceremony

at the dam site 100 kilometres

north of the Syriau border, near

the city of Sanliurfa. His remarks

were carried by the semi-official

Anatolia News Agency.

tion would be reduced.

work schedule."

Iraq and Syria protested the

Iraq.

death toll in two weeks of fighting between Aoun's forces and the LF. At least 500 people have been killed and 1,750 wounded. Many people died a week ago

in the battle for Dbayeh, an LF stronghold north of Beirut which Aoun's forces overran after a day-long offensive with artillery, tanks and infantry. The killing has left even under-

takers sick of death.

"I have worked for 30 years as When he recognised his an undertaker, including the 15 brother, who fought for the rival years of fighting, but until now I Joseph Daaibes told Reuters. The corpses of soldiers, civilians

Altinkaya said the derivation

channel opened Monday was

closed in July 1988 and another

derivation channel, closed in May last year, would also be opened

The dam's reservoir has three

main derivation channels and the

sluice gates of the one plugged

last mouth will not be opened for

During the cutoff period Syria

and Iraq received water from the

downstream tributaries of the

Emphrates but the flow was re-

duced from an average 500 cubic

metres per second to about 100

Rains flood southeastern Iran

caught in the flood were picked up by helicopters.

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Rivers burst their banks after two days of non-stop rain, flooding large regions of Iran's southeastern Sistan-Baluchistan province Tuesday, Tehran Radio said. The

broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, said the town of Chabahar on

the southern tip of the province and more than 50 surrounding

towns and villages were submerged. There was no immediate

word on deaths, injuries or damage, but about 7,000 square kilometres of the region was flooded, the radio said. Travellers

and rescue workers still lie in bullet-riddled cars or in the street where they fell because fighting has prevented them being re-

Water flows downstream from Euphrates

later Monday.

sometime.

room for them in east Beirut's mortuaries. Officials at Baabda Hospital photograph the dead as soon as

possible because decomposition

has often set in before they are claimed, making them impossible to identify. "I have sold 100 coffins so far, 60 of them were for soldiers,"

Dazibes said. "Death is a business for me but during this round of violence I

felt sick... If it continues like this, I will quit my job.

"We are used to seeing people killed by a builet or strapnel but now we see people with no heads or arms... We have become savages with no moral limits at all," he said.

Altinkaya said this average

"Every installation built on our

flow would resume Tuesday

rivers is a project beneficial to all mankind," Altinkaya said. "of

course, there may be some peo-

ple in some countries not pleased

with our achievements. But their

The 2,300 kilometre Euphrates

ideas will not stop our projects."

River originates in the mountains

of eastern Turkey, flows through

Syria and then Iraq before joining

the Tigris River and the sea at the

cubic metres.

weeks ago. The secretary general had ori-ginally suggested Feb. 12 for the start of the talks but Denktash balked saying he had not been

properly consulted. Perez de Cuellar had also proposed that the latest round of negotiations to prepare the outline of an overall agreement might continue for up to two

weeks, depending on the progress made. Cyprus has been virtually partitioned since Turkish troops occupied the north of the island in

1974 after a short-lived coup engineered by the military junta then ruling Greece. The latest effort to reach a

solution on the basis of a federal system of government was launched in August 1988. Since then, the two leaders have had more than 100 hours of talks under U.N. anspices in Nicosia, punctured by several joint meetings with Perez de Cuellar at U.N. headquarters.

Perez de Cuellar held separate meetings here with Vassiliou and Denktash last October and again during November-December in an effort to get the talks started again,

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Shamir seeks Likud patch-up

(Continued from page 1)

Prime Minister, you want tactical room for manoeuvring but on the issue of Jerusalem there is no room for manoeuvring, tactically or otherwise."

The 90-minute session in Tel Aviv broke up about an hour later after Sharon interrupted an attempt by Shamir to win a show of support for the election plan. Hundreds of arms went up in Shamir's support, but as they were waved, Sharon shouted into
a microphone, "Who is for liquidating terror?" His supporters
responded with cries of "Arik,
talks.

Arik," Sharon's nickname. Both leaders claimed they won.

whether or not a Palestinian state

was created on Palestinian land

or not," Obeidat, a member of

the Upper House of Parliament.

peoples is exemplary and no simi-

lar unity between two peoples can

be realised in any other part of the Arab World," he said.

"Indeed the unity of the two

told the audience.

After a two-hour cooling off period, Shamir held a reconciliation meeting with key Sharon backer and Deputy Premier David Levy, who is a leading contender for party leader after

Aides to Shamir insisted on Monday night that the prime minister, by choosing his words carefully and standing up to his toughest foe, had signalled Washington he was willing to compromise to convene a U.S.brokered Israeli-Palestinian

Iran urges Lebanese Muslims to unite

NICOSIA (R) — Iranian President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsan-jani urged Lebanon's Muslims Tuesday to unite against Israel and Maronite Christian groups. Tehran Radio said he made the call at a meeting in Tehran with Lebanese Shi'ite Muslim cleric Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah, the spiritual leader of the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God). "He expressed the hope that Muslim and militant forces in Lebanon would strengthen their ranks for confronting the Zionist enemy (Israel) and political Maronism," said the radio, monitored in Nicosia. Iran has repeatedly attempted to halt intermittent clashes between Hizbollah and the pro-Syrian Shi'ite Amal militia, which have killed more than 900 people in the past three years. The Muslim militias have so far not intervened during fierce fighting in Lebanon's Christian enclave between the forces of General Michel Aoun and

ASWAN, Egypt (R) — Saudi Arabia has pledged a total of \$23 million to help revive Egypt's ancient Alexandria library, a government spokesman said Tuesday. Iraq has already offered \$21 million and the United Arab Emirates \$20 million to help

KHARTOUM (R) - Sudan and the Central African Republic

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War Ministry assails employers seeking cheap foreign labour

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Labour's socretary-general Tuesday accused Jordanian businessmen of deliberately creating difficult conditions for Jordanians seeking employment to give themselves the present to demand permission for son-Jordanian workers.

"There are indications that Owners of businesses in different sectors are following this course of action because they prefer foreign workers who receive less pay and work longer hours," Saleh Khasawaoh said in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra

He said some non-Jordanian workers sleep at their place of employment and do additional work for the employer and his family, "all for less pay than it would take to pay Jordanians for the come job" etween ring (), the same job."

Some businessmen try to find tother bot a ways to avoid applying Ministry of Labour regulations and they ea said many the more often than not try to get had bridge foreign workers to do jobs for a army.

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until the day a Khasawneh said that only sing a see is 10,545 people seeking employ-hat could eve i ment applied for jobs through the 221... for me in ministry's offices last year, which I lost my say found work for nearly 50 per cent

He said that almost 60,000 unemployed workers in Jordan applied for jobs at the Civil Service Commission (CSC), which pro-30ers cesses employees for work in

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Most of the non-fordanian 1 CO 10 workers are employed in the agricultural sector and do manual labour and other work shunned :W taks

tash have agreed King visits army headquarters

Under an agreement concluded with Egypt all Egyptian workers should acquire a work permit approved by the Ministry of Labour in Amman before they can come to the Kingdom to work, according to Khasawash. But, he said, there are others who arrive here in transit and stay. The Ministry of Labour's officers are intensifying search campaigns at all businesses to ensure that they all abide by the regulations, he said. Businesses violating the law are hable to pay between JD 56 and JD 75 for each employee working illegally in the Kingdom. The Ministry of Labour is still issuing work permits for those non-fordanians employed in agriculture, in the cleaning sector and

domestic service or in bakeries. The ministry is conducting a study on the labour market in Jordan before deciding on whether to issue permits for other businesses, Khasawneh said. On Feb. 9, the ministry stopped issuing any new work permits for foreign workers until further

According to Prime Minister Medar Badran, there are 80,000 Jordanians seeking jobs in the country and at least 175,000 nonlordanians, of which a large number are working illegally in the

The question of employing foreign workers was discussed by Minister of Labour Qaseem Obeidat at a meeting here Tues-day with Dr. Hilmi Nammer, secretary-general of the fourmember Arab Cooperation Council (ACC). The minister said that no worker with a valid work permit had been asked to leave the country and the Ministry of Labour was doing all it can to find employment for Jordanians as the first priority. He said that workers from ACC states

were given second priority.

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no mis acceptance AMMAN (J.T.) — The committee of Public Freedoms of the Perez de Cuela Professional Associations Complex plans to form a "public committee for national work," which will include several political and public sago.

secretary gos figures among its members, according to Dr. Samir Yassin, deputyly suggested Fal president of the Public Freedoms Committee. Yassin did not of the talk is clear that the committee told the Jordan Times of the takes that the proposed committee would include members of the Lower of saying he had thouse of Parliament. The Professional Associations Complex is an only consulted. erly consumed tumbrella foundation for 12 different professional unions in the rez de Cuella E. Kinoclom

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ruling Green Industrial exhibition to be held in latest clim.

non on the less AMMAN (Petra) — A six-day industrial exhibition will be held in em of gornus 198 Amman on the sideline of the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) in August 198 Summit due to be held here later this in August two summit due to be held here later this month. On display at the two leaders by summer one to be held here later this month. On display at the 100 hours dexhibition will be industrial items produced by the four ACC 1 member-states — Jordan, Iraq, Egypt and North Yemen. Taking a special pippart in the exhibition will be more than 150 companies.

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dquantile constraints at the etings here with radio and television corporations in Austria. Spain Description of the constraints at the etings here with radio and television corporations in Austria. etings here with processor (rema) — Directors of engineering departments at the etings here with radio and television corporations in Austria, Spain, Denmark, West riktash less described Germany, Italy, Britain, Beigium, France, Cyprus, Jordan and the ing November head of the engineering office of the European Broadcasting Union, effort to get the maddition to Jordan, Tuesday began a five-day magnitude. Tuesday. Participants were to discuss the latest breakthroughs in the fields of recording, radio and television transmission and the activities of the union's sub-committee.

WHAT'S GOING ON

MARKET PA The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- ☆ A plastic art exhibition which includes paintings, sculptures and
 ceramic works at the Spanish Cultural Centre.
- ☆ An exhibition of photos of plays directed by Cheresa, Mes-guick, Muouchkine, Planchon and others, at the French Cultural Centre.
- ☆ A photographic exhibition entitled "Panorama 1989" at the Soviet Cultural Centre.
- An exhibition of paintings by Alia Ammoura, Nabila Hibri and Nawai Abdullah at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation (10
- ☆ An exhibition entitled "The Bine Rider" at Mu'ta University.
- ★ A West German film entitled "The Pilot" at the Philadelphia Cinema — 5:00 p.m.

UNICEF announces world summit on children's future

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Over 60 world leaders will meet under United Nations auspices in New York Sept. 23-24 to address ways to combat what is termed as the "silent emergency" of the 1990s which could lead to the unnecessary death of 150 mil-lion children in this decade

According to the United Na-tions Children's Fund (UN-ICEF) regional director for the Middle East and North Africa, Richard Reid, "This summit will be the most important breakthrough for children in this centur

Reid told a press conference Tuesday the summit will seek to draw plans to ensure the survival of children against fatal but preventable diseases and preserve their human rights. health and education. He described the situation of

children in the world as the "silent emergency" and called for increased international awareness of it "before the problem destroys and undermines the future of children." "If a plane crashes and 500

die, it receives due attention in

the media because it is a loud emergency," Reid pointed out. "It is necessary therefore to concentrate the minds of the

decision-makers in the world on the problems of children and remove threats facing their present and future," he said.
According to Reid, current

political developments in the world which have created a more relaxed and peaceful international atmosphere will contribute positively to the success of the summit.

"Because of the currents of neace and disarmament, dividends which were spent on destruction will now be partially spent on protecting chil-dren," he said. UNICEF hopes. to be able to "capitalise on this new trend in the world."

The major aim of the sum suit will be to "arrive at a high level of international cooperation and determination to improve the status of children through procedures which protect their interest when drawing up economic and social programmes," Reid

According to UNICEF statistics, there are over 14 milaround the world. Reid said that Middle East children were living under especially difficult conditions as a result of wars in the region. "These are the children of disasters and war."

children, UNICEF warned that around 40,000 children die every day at the rate of a child every two seconds and that more than half of these children die of preventable dis-

Reid said more than 50 million children could be saved from death in the 1990s if efforts on all levels were intensified and there was more

The originally Beirnt-based UNICEF regional office was relocated in Amman in 1983 following the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in 1982. The Jordanian cabinet gave the regional office permanent status in 1986 upon the request of the U.N. organisation's beadquar-

The regional office is re-ponsible for 18 countries in the Middle East and North Africa and Reid took office as its director in May 1986.

Ceremony to honour charity participants

AMMAN (J.T.) - Her Majesty Queen Noor will today attends a ceremony to honour students parocipating in the Charitable Box Programme, organised by the Charitable Piaster Fund in cooperation with the Ministry of

The Charitable Piaster Fund is a department affiliated to the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS). The Charitable Box Program-

me is one of the activities of the Queen Noor will present the students with honorary certifi-

cates acknowledging their parti-cipation in this noble and humane

Certificates will also be granted to the schools that are members in the Charitable Piaster Committees, (a total of 120 certificates vill be distributed).

The Ministry of Education and its directorates in the Greater Amman Municipality will be presented with four honorary cer-

The ceremony will be held at the Palace of Culture at the Hus-

Lower House slams Saudi assassination

AMMAN (J.T.) -- The Lower House of Parliament Tuesday denounced the assassination of three Saudi diplomats in Thailand earlier this month as a criminal and terrorist action and expressed deep sympathy with the Saudi

mouse Speaker St man Arai in a cable he sent to King Fahd Ben Abdul Aziz of Sandi Arabia, said the House "strongly condemns this terrorist and criminal act and offers condolences to Saudi leaders and people over the death of innocent Saudi Arabian

Francis Keenan

Hotel

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AMMAN (J.T.) — Francis

Keenan, general-manager of the Amman Marriott Hotel for

almost two years, has been named

best general manager of the year for Marriott Corporation's Inter-

national region, thus bringing the

name of the Amman Marriott to

the attention of many people all

One of Keenan's accomplishments is Amman Marriott's suc-

cessful implementation of the quality improvement process, which reached all levels of the

hotel, affecting the workers as

well as the guests.
Upon informing Koenan of his

valuable award, Terry Barlow,

vice-president of Marriott Cor-

poration, expressed his sincere

gratitude to Keenan saying: Frank has been instrumental in

making the Amman Marriott a

role model in quality improve-

ment for all other hotels to

over the world.

"The House appeals to the Arab and Islamic nations to stand firm in the face of such criminal onslaught," he said.

"The time has come for the Arab and Islamic nations to deal firmly with the elements of evil which have been threatening peace and security in the Middle East," the cable said.

It said that the Arab and Islamic nations are in need of concerted efforts to spread harmony and preach amity and justice.

British company helps install satellite

AMMAN (J.T.) — John Standen of North East Satellite Systems of England, has arrived in Jordan to supervise the installation of a satellite receiver system at the Department of Meteorology's national forest centre in Marka. On Wednesday, along with Malcolm Ives, development secretary at the British Embassy, he met with Ali Abandah, directorgeneral of the meteorology de-

The system comprising a satellite dish, two receivers, two microcomputers, with monitors and a colour printer is valued at £80,000 and is a gift from Britain to Jordan. Once operational, the equipment will receive data direct from METEOSAT which will greatly improve the information available on the other systems, particularly in the more remote parts of the Kingdom. The equipment will also help identify areas likely to be susceptable to locust infestations. Fhaid Makhrok of the meteorological department recently spent three months at Reading University training to use the equipment.

Meeting probes ways of improving barley, livestock

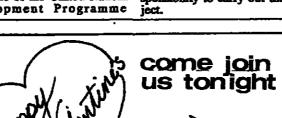
regional meeting opened in Amnomic and Social Development man Tuesday to discuss ways of and Ministry of Agriculture offiimproving the production of bar- cials, including Secretary-Generley, fodder and livestock in Syria, al Sami Sunna. Jordan and Iraq.

The meeting, organised by the International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA), which has its regional office in Amman, is dedicated to discussing agricultural produc-tion in semi-desert and dry regions in the three countries and the transfer of technology to achieve this objective.

Representatives of the three countries grouped in a steering committee for the "Al Mashreq project" that is being implemented in Jordan, Syria and iraq with ICARDA's help are joined at the meeting by repre-sentatives of the United Nations Development Programme

AMMAN (J.T.) — A two-day (UNDP), the Arab Fund for Eco-The committee will study

general policies of the project and its regional and local dimensions as well as a working plan which entails training of personnel from the three countries. An agreement on implementing Al Mashreq Project was signed in June last year by Syria, Jordan and Iraq as well as ICARDA. The project will take five years for implementation at a cost of \$3.347 million, which will be provided by UNDP, and the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development. The ministers of agriculture in Iraq, Syria and Jordan have undertaken the responsibility to carry out the pro-





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Undersecretary in the Cypriot Foreign Ministry Augelos Angelides Toesday meets with Senate

speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi to discuss the Palestine

tine problem.

Jordan, Cyprus sign science, culture cooperation accord

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan and the two sides will encourage Cyprus Tuesday signed an agreeent paving the way for cooperation in scientific and cultural fields and opening the door for strengthened relations in tourism, information, sports and youth

The agreement, signed by Ministry of Planning Secretary-General Safwan Touqan and under-secretary of the Cypriot Foreign Minister Angelos Angelides, said the two countries would launch cooperation in scientific research through their respective scientific institutions and would exchange visits by researches and scientists and exchange books and publications and other information related to the field of

According to the agreement

cooperation between universities and offer one another scholarships and exchange expertise, books and other documents to promote higher education.

It said that the two sides would encourage exchanges in the fields of art, music and cinema and visits by artists to organise exhibitions and open the door for cooperation between libraries and museums in Jordan and Cyprus.

The Jordan News Agency, Pet-ra, and the Cyprus National News Agency and television and radio stations in the two countries will cooperate, the agreement stipulated. Both sides also agreed to give facilities to each other in the fields of tourism and archaeology, sports and youth and physical

The signing of the agreement Tuesday came on the second day of Angelides' visit to Jordan. Upper House of Parliament speaker Ahmad Al Lawzi met with Angelides Tuesday for a general discussion of the Pales-

Angelides repeated his country's support for a just and permanent solution to the Palestine problem and its support for the Palestinian people's right to self-determination.

He also called for more cooperation between Cyprus and Jordan in trade, tourism and culture. Lawzi told Angelides that Jordan supports the United Nations secretary general's endeavours to bring about a solution to the Cypriot problem.



Folklore troupe wins award

AMMAN (J.T.) --- A folklore troupe affiliated to Royal Jordanian (RJ), the national airline, recently took part in a spring festival held at Al 'Ain city in the United Arab Emi-

rates. The performances were attended by many people for eight successive days. The troupe won an award at the festival. The troupe, which

performed national Jordanian dances, will take part in an international cultural festival due to be held in Aswan, Egypt, Feb. 18.

Symposium begins on computerised designs

AMMAN (Petra) — A two-day symposium on preparing engineering designs by using computers began here Tuesday, with engineers from the Royal Scientific Society (RSS), the University of Jordan and the Indian Council for Scientific and Industrial Research participating.

The course, organised by the RSS in cooperation with the University of Jordan's engineering and technology faculty and the Indian council, is aimed at orienting engineers on benefits of using computers in engineering analysis and design.

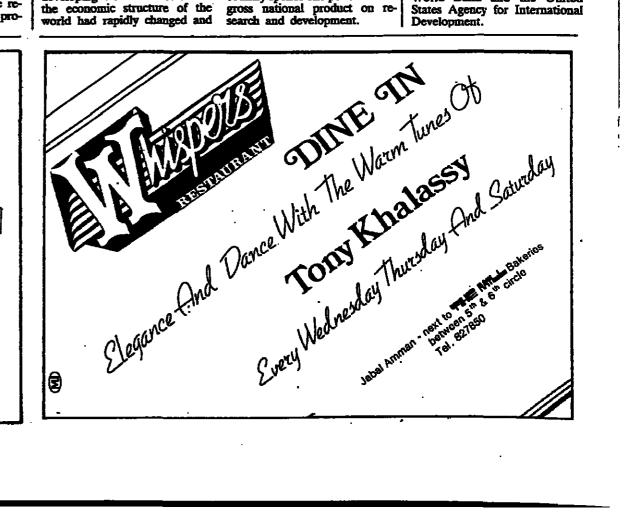
Addressing the opening session, RSS President Hani Al Mulqi said that the symposium highlights the importance of cooperation among the countries of the developing world. He said that the economic structure of the world had rapidly changed and that the world was on the threshold of a new stage, characterised by rapid technological and industrial progress. Therefore, he said, any new developments in the international economic structure would rely to a great extenf on scientific and technological

He pointed out that an agreement of cooperation between Jordan and the Indian Council was one of the cooperation programmes among the countries of the South. He praised such cooperation and called for supporting it in view of its mutual benefit for both India and Jordan. Indian Ambassador to Jordan Gajendra Singh, who attended the opening session, lauded Jordanian-Indian cooperation and noted that his country spends one per cent of its gross national product on research and development.

Thailand conference to review two papers

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Education will take part in an international conference on "Education for All" to be held in Thailand March 5. The major documents, one on the world declaration on education for all and the other on the mechanism of work which should be followed to achieve universal primary education, will be reviewed by the

gathering. The conference is organised jointly by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UN-ESCO), the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Bank and the United States Agency for International



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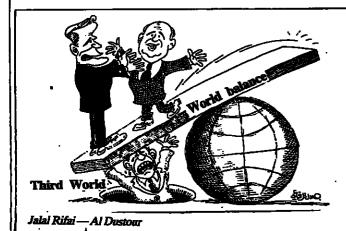
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Winners and losers

THE STRUGGLE for power within the magnets of Likud bloc can at best be dubbed a theatrical performance produced and directed for Israeli audience. From an Arab standpoint, the basics remain unchanged whether Sharon or any other Likud hawk succeeded in his bid for leadership of the right-wing party. Yitzhak Shamir, the incumbent Likud leader, is in his mid-seventies and it is natural that sooner or later another hardliner from within the ranks of his party would seek to topple him. Such changes at the belm of the Likud are, in fact, of minor effect on the course of events in the region. Moreover, it would make little difference whether the Likud or Labour is calling the shots in Israel, for the differences between the two parties are, in essence, cosmetic. Perhaps, the Labour Party is diplomatically more cunning in going about pursuing its objectives, and that is the sustainability of the Jewish state's hegemony over the occupied territories.

The crux of the matter is the old/new land-for-peace formula which should be the base for any political settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict. The Israeli leaders must realise that without this formula peace can never be attained in this part of the world. Unless the leaders of Israel's ruling parties come to grips with the inevitability of accommodating Palestinian rights, the crisis is certain to head towards a catastronhic dimension that will not only affect this region but will also spill over to threaten stability in other parts of the world.

For its part the Arab side must remind the Israeli voters that their leaders are simply exploiting the question of achieving progress on the peace front for their own selfish ends. The Israeli people have now an opportunity to negotiate peace with the Palestinians on honourable grounds, and all they have to do is to say yes to dialogue and negotiations and not to procrastination and political acrobatics. The losers in the final analysis would of course be the Israeli and Palestinian peoples should the current efforts to put the two sides on talking terms be once again thwarted or derailed by their present leaders.



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Sharon's resignation from the Israeli coalition government should be considered as resulting from differences and disputes between extremist elements within the Likud bloc over means of dealing with the situaiton in the occupied Arab territory, said Al Ra'i Arabic daily Tuesday. The paper noted that Sharon resigned only because he is against any steps that the government might take towards peace with the Arabs. And this resignation sheds more light on the Zionist mentality and the extreme ideas which obsess the minds of the rulers of Israel who continue to pursue a racial discrimination policy against the Arab population, the paper noted. The Arabs should realise that the dispute between the Israeli leaders is only a dispute over those whom they want to destroy, but are differing on the means and the timing to carry out their criminal action, the paper warned. It said that there is no difference between the policies of the partners in the coalition either. It said both sides are intent on annihilating the Arabs, but one side is trying to impose its will on the other in terms of committing the evil action perpetrated against the Arab Nation.

A columnist in Al Ra'i daily welcomes the news of renewed Arab support for the rebels of Eritrea against Ethiopia which has now restored diplomatic ties with Israel. Mahmond Rimswi says that the news about Arab support being given to the rebels who have been suffering at the hands of Addis Ababa's rule coincided with reports about new victories achieved by the rebels in a number of regions especially in towns and port cities overlooking the Red Sea. Ethiopia has opened its doors for Israeli experts and Israeli arms in exchange for allowing its Jews to emigrate to Israel, the writer reminds readers. He says that the Arab Nation should offer the Eritrean rebels all forms of assistance, not only to bring down the repressive regime in Addis Ababa, but also to put an end to Israel's tampering with the African country's affairs which could be detrimental to Africa and the Arab Nation. Ethiopian ports on the Red Sea have been constantly used for arms shipments to Israel; their loss will be a hard blow for Tel Aviv since the Red Sea would be transformed into an internal Arab sea, the writer

Al Dustour daily commented on the outcome of the Likud Party's convention in Israel which ended Monday in disarray. The result of the stormy meeting indicates without any doubt that the extremist Zionists have won the upper hand in the arena; but since no final end has been found for the differences among the leaders, the present coalition government is bound to live longer, the paper noted. But, it said, one should not be taken in by the deep differences, since the Zionists are all the same, and one should not think that the open disputes reflect democracy. The paper noted that the Israeli leaders are bent on displaying themselves as peace seekers but at the same time they continue to differ within their inner circles only on means of maintaining an aggressive policy directed against the Arab Nation.

PLO increasingly depressed about peace process

By Jonathan Wright Reuter

TUNIS — Sitting on the sidelines while Egypt, Israel and the United States do most of the talking, the PLO is growing increasingly divided about how to bring about Middle East peace and depressed about the chances of succeeding.

Upstaged by events in Eastern Europe and fearful that Soviet Jewish emigrants might dislodge those Palestinians who still live in their homeland, PLO members are wondering whether they can go any further along the path of compromise.

Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) has started to talk of resigning and PLO officials say there is growing support inside

to any new concessions.
PLO officials were unwilling to

comment on Monday's developments in Israel, where a special Likud Party convention to discuss Prime Minister Yithzak Shamir's peace plans ended in tumult. Arafat and Salah Khalaf, one

of his closest colleagues and a leading member of his mainstream Fatch group, say the peace process is close to a dead end and the organisation might have to consider unspecified

we hope that nobody will blame us if we take other steps," Arafat said in Baghdad on Sunday.

"Many people are saying the leadership should be more hardline. They are not saying we

"We have other options, and

should call off diplomatic moves, but that we should keep under control," Khalaf said last week.

Diplomats engaged in preparations for proposed Israeli-Palestinian peace talks in Cairo say Arafat is willing to accept a com-promise formula for PLO representation in the talks.

But he faces fierce opposition inside the movement to any step which could dilute the PLO's claim to represent all Palestinians, they say. Khalaf said it was out of the

question, for example, for the PLO to give Egypt clearance to announce the names of the Palestinian delegation to, the Cairo meeting.

"If it (the PLO) accepted the Egyptians announcing the delega-

tion, the PLO's role would be finished... it would mean the settlement was only for the Palestinians in the occupied territories. Who would dare take such a step? They are asking us for the impossible," he told Reuters.

Arafat has not spoken in public about the debate but Bassam Abu Sharif, an Arafat adviser who tends to float the PLO chairman's more controversial ideas, has said the organisation is flexible on how to announce the names of the delegation.

An Arab diplomat close to the PLO said he was confident Egypt and the United States could find a way to bridge the gap between Israel, which rejects any PLO role, and the PLO, which says it must be in from the start of the

"Finding a workable formula will pose no problems. Things will fall into place in a couple of days," he said.

One senior PLO leader, who asked not to be named, told Reuters Arafat risked tearing apart the organisation and even his own Fatch movement if he went a step too far.

The start of what is expected to be a mass exodus of Soviet Jews and the waning of international interest in the Palestinian uocising in the occupied territories have added to the feeling of despair in the Palestinian move-

An Arab League official of Palestinian origin has described

the exodus as a "dirty deal" between the superpowers at the expense of the Palestinians. The Arabs say Washington has deliberately restricted Soviet immigration so the Jewish emigrants have to go to Israel.

A Soviet foreign ministry offi-cial visited Tunis las month to reassure the PLO but the orga-

nisation won few concessions. Palestinians were again angered when they were asked to denounce an attack on an Israeli tour bus in Egypt this month.
PLO officials said Israeli troops.

had been killing Palestinians, many of them women and children armed only with stones; at a rate of almost one a day since the intifeda broke out in the occupied territories 26 months ago.

Sweden's Social Democrats turn left

By Lars Foyen

STOCKHOLM — Sweden's long-ruling Social Democratic Party has seen its public support erode to its lowest level in decades as it vacillated on whether to turn right or left for a solution to a deep economic crisis.

The party, split between free market reformists and traditionalists who want to preserve the world's most extensive welfare state, made its move on Thursday — to the left.

Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson proposed a tough economic package which included a ban on increases in prices, wages, rents and share dividends for the whole of 1990 and 1991. There was also a ban on strikes, to be enforced

through hefty fines. Carlsson says the Social Democrats will have no alternative to calling a new election if parliament turns down the austerity package this week...

"The government package undoubtedly has both power and a left-wing profile," said Aftonb-ladet, a national daily with close ties to the Social Democrats. Criticss agreed.

"These are iron-fisted regulations. When all of Eastern Europe is leaving the planned economic path, Sweden suddenly takes a step in the opposite direction," said Nils Lundgren, chief economist of Swedish bank

"This smacks of the Soviet Union before Gorbachev came to nower. I know of no free economy that has attempted this route in peacetime," added Carl Bildt, leader of the Conservative Moderate Party. "It will lead to bureaucracy, cheating and the demoralisation of our society."

The government knew it had to act to stop a wave of strikes which closed schools last year, banks this year, and threats to disrupt public transport, day car and hospital work this month.

cent and officially forecast to exceed 8.0 per cent, double the rate of Sweden's European competitors. Gross domestic product (GDP) is expected to rise only 1.3 per cent in 1990.

An opinion poll published last week showed that popular support for the Social Democrats had eroded to 34 per cent — an unprecedented 10 per cent dive from its 1988 election result, and the lowest figure since polling began in the 1960s.

The Social Democrats have held power for all, but 12 of the past 73 years, a record among Europe's democratic left. Finance Minister Kiell-Olof

Feldt said the party's proudest achievement — the transformation of Sweden from a poor agrarian society to rich welfare state was at stake: "In the extension of the current

situation looms a crisis for the whole Swedish welfare state. There are striking similarities to the situation in Britain in the winter of 1979. "That was when wild strikes and

chaos on the labour market provoked such a strong political reaction that the Conservatives were brought to power and could begin attacking the unions and dismantle the welfare state,"-he said. Although Feldt, leader of the

free market reformists in the party, publicly defended the crisis package, the new policy was seen traditionalists The Social Democrats are di-

vided and seen as indecisive on issues as diverse as tax reform. cautious privatisation of some public services, nuclear power, and plans for a bridge between Sweden and Denmark.

The underlying problem is that their so-called Swedish model of successful private enterprise combined with the stiffest taxes in the world, around 55 per cent of GDP, is increasingly unable to finance the swelling welfare state Inflation is currently 6.7 per and the wage aspirations of 1.5

"Our living standard has not increased in real terms in the past 15 years," said economics profes-

sor Bo Sodersten, a former Social Democratic member of parlia-"We have fundamental prob-

lems, all of our own making. They include falling productivity in the public sector and the party's links to strong unions concerned only about their own Feldt believes free market re-

form is the solution. He is the driving force behind a dramatic reduction of personal taxes from 1991 and last year's deregulation of capital markets designed to bring Sweden in line with the European Community's single

These moves have only served to alienate the party's left wing who see it drifting away from its working-class roots.

The poll by the leading Sifo Institute showed the Social Democrats losing strengh among traditional support groups blue-collar workers and public sector employees.

Another result of the disenchantment is the formation of a small breakaway party which could cost the Social Democrats marginal but important votes in the next general election, scheduled for September 1991. Carlsson has threatened that

his minority government will res-1211 II darijament does not approve his economic package. Although key union leaders gave the green light for the austerity package, the Social Democrats might have to fight an early election without the full support of union members shocked by the strike ban and the introduction of hefty fines to enforce it.

Said Lillemor Arvidsson, chairman of a large public employee union which threatened to go on strike next week:

"The strike ban is sheer lunacy, a provocation.'

Jewish settlers want to move into Gaza city

By Jack Redden

GAZA (R) — Jewish settlers who have built homes on the fringes of the occupied Gaza Strip now want a more potent symbol of Israeli control - a settlement in the heart of its largest Palesti-

nian city.
"Looking at practical aspects, you have to see it as just coming home to the state of Israel," said Menachem Bethalakhumi, spokesman for the council grouping Israeli settlements in the Gaza

Such a settlement would undoubtedly be seen as a provocation inside Israel and abroad, and would be unlikely to win approval from the present national unity government.

But Bethalakhumi said he already had a group of ex-soldiers volunteering to live inside sprawling Gaza city.
"They are a group of young

people who after the army want to re-establish the Jewish community...we are interested in forming a neighbourhood in the city of Gaza," he told Reuters.

Bethalakhumi said prospective settlers would have to prove their determination and gain acceptance by one of the organisations that start up new communities. The move into the heart of a city of 150,000 Arabs would be bound to outrage Palestinians, whose resistance to 22 years of

sraeli occupation exploded into a

But the settlers of Gaza see it as a logical extension of their programme.
"I think all the people who live

here believe this is part of Israel, said Datya Herskovitz, an activist for a settlers' organisation.

Herskovitz foresees a group of about 20 Jewish families taking over an apartment building in Gaza city. She does not consider the lack of land a problem.

"I believe it will happen," she told Reuters. "The quicker the better for everyone. It can't go

The 3.000 Gaza settlers have a living standard to which few Palestinians — or even Israelis jammed in Tel Aviv apartments - could aspire. Having to live in fortified encampments is the price they pay. At the newest settlement. Kfar

Darom, a steel observation tower rises beside the guarded entrance gate. Triple rows of barbed wire reinforce the chain-link fence. The nearby greenhouses are surrounded by an electric fence

and crossbones under the words "danger, high voltage." Gaza settlers drive between their 16 settlements in cars with reinforced windows along roads continually patrolled by the

that carries signs showing a skull

Although the next Gaza settlement, Dugit, has been approved popular uprising that began in a are already overtaxed by 650,000 Gaza refugee camp in December Palestinians.

Kfar Darom runs two water systems — one for drinking, a second for other uses - because the aquifer beneath the Gaza Strip has become contaminated with salt water through overpumping.

A new pipeline tapping into Israel's water carrier, that runs from Lake Galilee in the north, is under construction to provide fresh water for more settlers and their greenhouses.

Despite the obstacles to moving into an area which is already one of the most congested on earth, the settlers believe they will eventually replace the present residents.

"Because there is a big problem here we think it is very important for Jews to settle in a place like this," said Omit Gutvilig, a 24-year-old mother who helped found the Kfar Darom settlement last October.

Although settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip now number more than 70,000, official backing for a settlement in the heart of Gaza city would seem

Yet the case of Hebron, the largest city in the West Bank, could inspire settlers facing govin April 1979 two death families suddenly moved mis the centre of the Palestinian cits. After 10 months the government gave them permission to stay.

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More than a decade later the for the spring, the resources of Jewish settlers are still in Hebron, watched over 24 hours a day by

Descendents of Genghis Khan do democracy their own way

By James Kynge Reuter

ULAN BATOR — In the vast land of Mongolia, where sheep outnumber people six to one and Genghis Khan is a superstar, democracy demonstrations are bound to be unusual.

Oriental in appearance. Mongolians were orphaned from their Asian family by the Soviet Red Army 69 years ago and then adopted by Moscow into the Communist fold.

Now, in a drive to cast of communism, activists are stressing Mongolia's oriental heritage and shunning the path to democracy taken by their former socialist brothers in Eastern Europe.

"We are not Eastern Europeans or Russians. We are Mongols," said Gongorjawin Boshight, a 50-year-old leader of the newly-formed Mongolian Democratic Association

"Maybe some European will come here and say we are all primitive. Let him say it. He too has the right to be mistaken," said Boshight, a former aide to a senior Communist government official.

The movement was founded in a dingy classroom at the Mongolia State University in December last year and since then has staged four popular rallies in the capital Ulan Bator and one in an outlying town.

"Mongolians to your horses," read a banner fluttering at one rally where several thousand people turned out muffled in fars against temperatures of minus 30 degrees Centigrade. The phrase is an ancient battle cry used by Genghis Khan to

rouse his marauding "golden hordes" to feats of slaughter that created the world's biggest land empire in the 13th century. Telling Mongolians to get on their horses is symbolic, not literal," said a government tourist guide. "It may seem funny to

Europeans but it is serious to us." The democracy movement venerates Genghis Khan, known more for pillage and rape than

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liberal democracy, as an outstanding man and has pledged to remove character smears placed on him by the Communists.

One prominent member of the movement, a tonsured monk in flowing saffron robes, said he believed Genghis Khan was a closet living Buddha who attained nirvana and now resides in heaven as a Buddhist deity.

"Most people in Mongolia do not know Genghis was a living Buddha because he kept it secret but many monks in this monas-tery believe it," Dorligjavyn Baasan told foreign reporters at Gandan Monastery in Ulan

The monastery, where members of the yellow sect of Buddhist Lamaism chant incantations beside flickering butter lamps, is the only one in Mongolia allowed to function.

Part of the democracy movement's platform is the reopening of some monasteries closed or partially destroyed on the orders of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin between 1937 and 1944.

Mongolia, wedged between the Soviet Union and China, is a landlocked nation of two million people living on a territory three times the size of France. Sovietbuilt factories belch smoke in polluted towns and 16 tribes of nomadic herdsmen tend some 22 million head of livestock.

Its people, although well-fed

and clothed, earn an average monthly wage of 400 tugrug (\$133 at the official rate but just \$13 on the more realistic black market).

This low standard of living is the main cause of disaffection and many people blame Communist misrule. But the anger and passion of anti-government protests in Eastern Europe have barely featured here. Bespectacled university lecturer Sanjasuren Zorig, chief of the association's coordinating coun-

cil, speaks in a monotone and urges cooperation rather than ? confrontation with the ruling Mongolian People's Revolutionary Party. At one demonstration in Ulan Bator's central Sukhbator Square protesters doffed their fur hats to

commemorate the 66th anniversary of the death of Soviet founder Vladimir Lenin. In contrast also to China's antigovernment tumult last year when students protested every day until the army thundered in demonstrations have been limited

to Sundays. "We are not going to be like dogs and go out on the streets every day," said Boshight. He said the movement was riven with different opinions on what different mands should be made and how

to pressure the government.
But he, like others, hoped that difference would be solved by the ballot box at the association's first congress scheduled for Feb. 18.

The changing nature of Europe's

the Atlantic.

sace of integration. clashes in which the Americans had firmly defended their own interests in dealings with the European Community as a competitor and viewed the process of integration with mixed feelings, this advocacy of European in-

was most unusual. the new European policy drawn up by Bush's team at the White

osing an architectural alternative to Mr. Gorbachev's vision of a 'common European house."
The United States is and will remain a European power, both President Bush and Secretary of State Baker say. It will thus retain a military presence in the Old

Washington evidently appreciates that the changes which are sweeping Europe will substantially change the U.S. position in Europe. The further progress East-West

detente makes and the less Europe is threatened militarily by the Soviet Union, the less dependent Western Europeans will be on the United States as a protect-

hitherto institutionally linked the United States and Europe, will decline accordingly.

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its European allies more. As the New Year dawned Washington viewed with mixed.

clear signs of weakness and the In transatlantic ties the balance has swung in Europe's favour, politically in the wake of detente, economically as the internal mar-

gard the European Community as a club of dwarfs; the twelve are now regarded as a major politial factor in Washingon — and are courted accordingly.

Yet a new Atlantic treaty, as proposed by the U.S. secretary of State, is no less necessary than a U.S. seat at European Community deliberations, which America as also suggested.

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13th member of the European Community. No matter how welldisposed towards America we may feel or how readily we may be willing to stand by our alliance commitments, the future joint councils of European cooperation must not become a means of intervention in European Community decision-making.

There can be no objection to close transatiantic ties, but they must not be allowed to take Europe's breath away or to hinder the Europeanisation of European politics. - Stuttgarter

relationship with America quently implemented. Yet agricultural subsidies to the Air-

THE revolutionary changes Eastern Europe is undergoing have done more than transform the political landscape of the Old World at a breathtaking pace; they seem to be having a growing

effect on transatlantic ties too. President Bush, who is much more conversant with European affairs than his predecessor, is keener than ever to stand side by side with his allies on this side of

After the Malta summit he expressly encouraged the European Community to step by the After years of recurring trade

tegration by the U.S. president Yet it was fully in keeping with

Secretary of State James Baker outlined U.S. policy for "a new Europe and a new Atlanticism" in mid-December in Berlin. It was a concept Washington

drew up in response to revolu-

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bus and the European Community's TV directive, the United States is switching from confrontation to greater cooperation in its ties with the Community.

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influence in Europe they at least want to keep a foot in the door of the European house and to be consulted on the European's deing power.
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Cold War will doubtless not only boost the independence of Amer-

Europe will need the West's erstwhile leading power less, while the United States will need

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Regardless of the trade disputes that continue to simmer, from the constant clashes over

London to have multi- ethnic radio

LONDON - "The idea was to have some sort of media to communicate with my people," ex-plains Sami Salama, a 42-year-old Egyptian whoi came to London 15 years ago. All he had was a faming degree, but along with it, a lot of determination, Now he is one of the founding directors of Spectrum Radio, a mique ambi-ethnic radio station which is set to start broadcasting in London this April. "I decided to leave Egypt when I finished my studies. It was the beginning of the 1970s. Everyone had high expectations, but I knew there was nothing I could do to change the situation,

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so I changed countries."

Now Salama is in the midst of the final, frantic preparations for a minor revolution in British radio. He admits that setting up a radio station in Egypt would have been almost impossible, but even been almost impossible, but even bere, the idea of an independent station serving eight ethnic con-munities was until recently just a

From the outside, Spectrum Radio today is an unprepostes-sing sight: it is housed in one of those box-like, single-storey portable buildings in an empty lot in north London. Inside, though, are two fully-equipped studios and a mass of hi-h and recording equipment. It is also a base for Salama and five other co-founders as well as a chief executive,

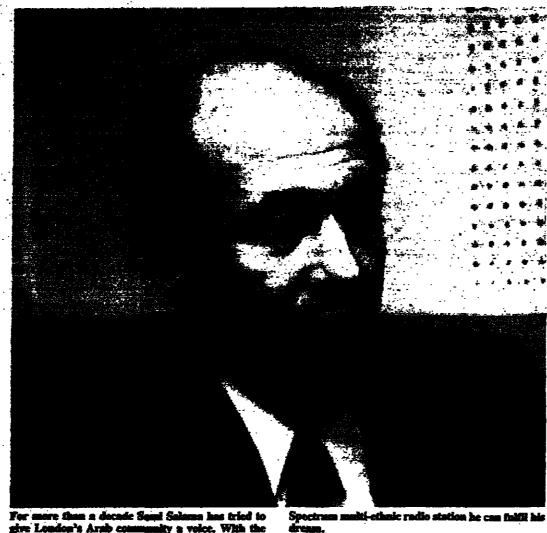
What makes Spectrum unique, not just in Britain but worldwide, is its structure. It is an umbrella under which eight different ethnic minorities have pooled their resources and skills working with each other to talk to ethnic communities in their own language. Spectrum's air time will be dirided into broadcasts in Arabic, Hebrew, Urdu, Chinese. Spanish, Italian, Greek and Afro-Carribean languages. Broadcast on the AM band, it will cover the whole Greater London areas.

Salama was determined to bring London Arabs together. While not the largest ethnic community, Arabs from all over the Middle East, from Sandi royalty to Moroccan migrant workers, have made their homes there. For a dozen years, Salama, who is a married father of two, worked in different jobs, as a night-club manager, a tour guide and in his own building and decorating firm. But his idea stayed with hint: "I felt the Krab completely in London lacked a voice and needed some form of media to communicate without barriers,"

The question of what media to use was soon resolved with the cance of priates on London's airwaves in the early 1980s. Britain has always prided itself on its high broadcasting standards and until only seven years ago, the dial on Londoners' radios offered only four BBC and two commercial channels with only minimal reference to local ethnic communities. There had been pirate radios before and the most famous, Radio Caroline, still evades government inspectors by

broadcasting from a ship anchored in the English Channel. The 1980s and the arrival of cheaper technologies saw pirate radios mushrooming all over the city, broadcasting on the FM band from makeshift studios installed at the top of high-rise housing blocks. Their number was prolific but professionalism was not al-

ways there, and most fed the capital a strict diet of booming disco music,



For more than a decade Sami Salama has tried to

learning from your unstakes."

of Ramadan, the Muslim month

of fasting, in 1985. "I began

programmes at about 5 p.m. We relayed prayers and people would

then break their fast. From 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. we put on enter-

tainment like quizzes and shows

recorded off Egyptian radio. We

also played music and broadcast

yould end at dawn when people

For Arab in London, Ramadan

munity comes together. "The

radio was very important because

it was like bringing people home," Salama adds. The re-

sponse from those early days when the studio was in Salama's

kitchen was encouraging. People telephoned all the time and be

soon realised he had a wide andi-

ence among women and young

people as well as Arab tourists in

London. The radio, run by Sala-ma almost single-handed, was supported financially by the com-

munity and with advertising.

It was not long before the station came to the attention of

the Department of Trade and

Industry (DTI) — the agency

responsible for policing the air-waves — and Arab Community

Radio, along with other ethnic

pirate stations, was repeatedly

raided: Although the government

The first new voice to be heard seized equipment, the pirates

started fasting again."

give London's Arab community a voice. With the was that of the Greek Cypriot

would set up again elsewhere. In 1984, Salama and other picommunity who had set up an illegal radio station in northeast rates began to campaign together London. The station, now long for legal access by ethnic groups to radio. That was the foundation gone along with many other pirates, gave Salama the inspiration of Spectrum Radio. A year later he was seeking: "When I heard the Greeks, I thought, if they can do it, so can the Araba," he the group submitted applications for community licences. But bureaucratic tangles led recalls. "I didn't know how to set up a radio station and it wasn't

pirates like Salama back to their transmitters and illegal broadcasts. Between raids, Salama coneasy. You have to know a good timed developing links with his own community: "I was surprised to hear from the Moroccan comengineer who can build a transmitter. From there you start by munity. They are working people All he had by way of expenand many, particularly the wives ence was some work in the theatre and television in Cairo. It and mothers do not speak Enwasn't much, but says Salama, it glish. I do not understand their gave him confidence. Arab com-Arabic, but they were phoning in munity Radio, as he called it, to say they could understand went on the air at the beginning

In 1988, the last year of Arabic Community Radio, the DTI admits it raided Salama five times, but on Jan. 1, 1989, he closed down the station of his own accord. Meanwhile, Spectrum had become a legally recog-nised consortium and it had received a local government grant which enabled it to set up studios and permanent base. When the government requested applica-tions for a multi-ethnic radio licence, Salama and his five colleagues at Spectrum applies and they won the licence from among

40 other applicants.

Beverly Bond, who is a joint director of the Jewish group at Spectrum, likes to point to the cooperation that exists between the ethnic groups making up the consortium: "There aren't many places in the world where you have Arabs and Jews working together for the benefit of both communities," she says, "we've

got that here at Spectrum." The new station has high hopes. Soon it will move out of the cramped studios into a new, larger studio and office space. In addition, the BBC has agreed to let Spectrum use one of its powerful AM transmitters which will take the broadcasts right across the Greater London area. There remains the task of equipping the studios, recruiting staff and promoting what will be London's fourth largest 24-hour radio station in time for the April start.

According to Spectrum' proctions, drawn up with the help of seasoned local radio managers, the station's income from advertising alone could reach more than \$4 million a year. Salama, who like the other directors of the consortium, is responsible for running his own Arabic section as an independent company, is aware of the advertising potential. In addition to the relatively high income of London's resident Arabs, tourists create a large market: According to 1988 figures, for example, the 490,000 Arab tourists who visited Britain

that year spent over \$700 million. But Salama is looking mostly to the community for support. He plans to broadcast in standard Arabic two hours a night, from 10 p.m. to midnight, The show will be a mix of entertainment, community news and information, He is also allocated a morning slot, once a week, when there will be a mix of Arabic and English.

Salama's claim to have long been the lone voice of the Arab community is a fair one, but in the future, he will have to spend less time at the microphone and more time managing the radio's affairs. But at least, he won't have to worry about raids. Recalling an incident during his early pirate days, he said: "The DTI engineers turned up on a raid, but the door to the sutdio was locked and I refused to open it. I told them I couldn't let them have the equipment because it belonged to the community and they would have to ask the community's permission. My solicitor told them they had no right to break down-the door, so they smashed down the wall around the door and conficented example ?

confiscated everything." A cautionary tale perhaps, but for Salama, the principle still holds true: Spectrum belongs to the community and it is the community that will shape its future

— World News Link.

STUDIO HAIG

Cannibalism is a deep taboo, says a vegetarian

By Lucy Ellmann

HAVING made sure my Will was in order I proceeded to Penguin Books - intrepid reporter in search of an interview with Marianne Wiggins. A nervous and sinister man was already inquiring about her at reception and behaving in a highly suspicious manner: he turned out to be

from The Times. I was led to a restaurant by a roundabout route, due to the feigned ignorance of the local terrain professed by my escort, a Penguin employee. I checked my own handbag for bombs as we entered the establishment, not knowing whom to trust anymore. in a corner of the restaurant sat Marianne Wiggins wearing two T-shirts, relaxed and unbowed by tragic events. I now rather regret-

ted my bullet-proof vest. A participant in one of the trickiest marital situations since Romeo and Juliet, Wiggins endures the added irony of being a writer and a feminist. Just after the publication of John Dollar last year, her fifth novel. Wiggins, an American found herself flung into hiding with her hus-band, Salman Rushdie, and an all-male crew of protectors. Reviews of her book were emblazoned with photos of Salman, and she is periodically asked, out of envy or naivete, why she troubles herself with a career at all when she could fall back on her hus-

band's legendary dough. Though still very much married, they now live separately. Marianne admits to a love of normal freedoms. She's glad to be back in the company of women and eager to promote the paperback edition of her book which, even without the author's help, made its way into the best-

seller list in America last year. John Dollar is the story of a party of British colonials, of varying individual merit, who set off from Rangoon in 1918 on an ill-fated pleasure-trip to the Andaman islands. They intend to change the name of one of these from The Island of Our Outlawed Dreams to King George's Island, but are waylaid in their arrogant task, first by a sudden impulse to massacre turtles and then by earthquakes and tidal waves. A few and I started questioning that young girls and a paralysed sailor, because most of the boys I knew

John Dollar, are washed up on the shore of the unredeemed island and proceed to forget the ins and outs of civilised behaviour

with frightening speed.

In the girls' defence, Wiggins says that "they are attempting to make a society from their received ideas and those received ideas don't work under those circumstances. They look to John Dollar perhaps as a God substi-tute, certainly as a patriarchal substitute, and expect him to come up with the answers and he hasn't got them. In fact he can see the fatality of their situation and

The girls are forced to depend on their own juvenile notions of survival. Naked, immobile and numb, John Dollar is a helpless victim of the rituals they devise. They oil his hair, make an altar of his body and worship it by eating him alive in a desperate parody of Holy Communion.

"Cannibalism is a deep taboo," says Wiggins, who is a vegetarian and who's turning me into one as we speak. "And those men who created Christianity incorporated it into their religious rites - in order to subvert it. Two thousand years before Freud! They knew what they were doing: Take my

"All of the words of the deepest, most passionate love involve consuming. The most passionate kisses, the modern fear of merging with another person, the total giving up of self into another, I think is very, very deep in the species. And I think we're alone in that - bears don't love the same way we do." According to Wiggins, cannibalism still exists in the Andaman Islands and needs a disguished safety-valve in all societies.

The daughter of a Christian fundamentalist father and a Greek Orthodox mother, Marianne Wiggins stuggled with religion from an early age, and there's still a sense of disappointment in her dismissal of it now. It failed her particularly at puberty, when she was told she couldn't take Communion when she was menstruating. "There was no time when a man couldn't take Communion," she says idignantly. "His body was always clean,

Marianne Wiggins - "it would be wonderful to have something to

pray to in times of duress". Happily, these restrictions inspired, some defiance.

She doesn't mock the optimism that leads some people towards blind faith: "It would be wonderful to have something to pray to in times of duress, a belief that the act of praying is an expiation and that something can come of it. It's really hard to know that dred and one of them, all at the you've just got to fall back on chance and human frality."

Heathens of today seek spiritual uplift in the arts: John Dollar's downfall comes not when be loses God but when he can no longer understand Leonardo da appreciates the Impressionists, Rothko and Bacon, but has no interest in the current art scene. New York foyer which involved using people's footprints, etc, Wiggins could barely contain her amusement. "It just sounded silly to me. If you've ever lived with a todler you get a daily installation and you have to clean it up!" Wiggins takes pride in her own

writing, and in Salman's. She's

when I was a teenager were dir- intrigued by the contrast between tier than I was." Her father his massive approach and her added to her doubts by his refusal own pared-down rhythmic prose, to have Darwin in the house. a difference of personalities illustrated by the way they play charades. Marianne takes the film or book title syllable by syllable; Salman acts out the whole of War And Peace. "Once he was given 101 Dalmations, and for five minutes, no one guessing anything, Salman ran around on all fours, darting about trying to be a hunsame time, as well as Cruella de

What Wiggins objects to most is silence — the lack of a public outcry against the Rushdie affair, or against the destruction of the NHS — and its American opposite, the travesties of language Vinci's notebooks. Wiggins committed in the name of free speech. She dragged out a Herald Tribune. "There's this ridiculous ruling. It's such an example of When a sculptor friend told her legislative comedy," she said, and he had an "installation" in some read me the judge's decision: "
New York foyer which involved "Even the beggar sitting at Grand Central Station with a tin cup at his feet conveys the message that he and others like him are in need. While often disturbing and sometimes alarmingly graphic, begging is unmistakably informa-

tive and persuasive speech'." - The Guardian.

By Randall Mikkelsen

WASHIGTON - A vegetarian meal in every pot, a solar heater on every roof and a bicycle in every garage are imperatives for an ecologically safe future, the Worldwatch Institute environ-

mental group has said. In its "State of the World" report for 1990, the Washington research group said a world dedicated to recycling, food and energy efficiency and slow population growth must be built within 40 years if modern civilisation is to

survive. "If we have not succeeded by 2030, environmental degradation and economic decline will be feeding on each other, causing social structures to disintegrate, said institute president Lester

Brown Such declarations are not new for Brown, whose group has been

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Less meat, more bikes, solar energy for an ecologically sound future

predicting a dire fate in annual reports since 1984, and who is known for communing via bicycle in a city where huxury cars are

This year's report devotes its final chapter to a detailed de-scription of the "sustainable society" of tomorrow that Brown said

is the earth's last chance. "A sustainable society is one that satisfies its needs without jeopardising the prospects of future generations," the Worldwatch report said.

It is filled with images of elec-

tricity-generating windmills in northern Europe, of solar water heaters meeting every house-hold's needs, and of hydrogenpowered cars and human-po-

wered bicycles filling city streets. Reducing dependency on fossil fuels will help forestall global warming caused by the atmospheric accumulation of carbon dioxide and other gases, which threatens to wreak havoc in world agriculture, Worldwatch said in

Also, it said people in developed countries must get used

to eating less meat as the food demands of a growing population will make it more difficult to use grains for feeding livestock or poultry.

The report offered the seemingly unappetising alternative of fish from sewage-fertilised

"A steady flow of nutrients from human waste into ponds can supply food for a vigorously growing population of algae that in turn are consumed by fish," it

Brown said his ambitions for the world are more than fantasy, and that the technology he advo-cates is already available or with-

in reach. But essential to the plan is controlling population growth, the report said. Although the United Nations forecasts a world population of nine billion people by 2030, that is about one billion too many for the available re-

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Tunisia recommends single | Egypt opens fair in Jeddah North Africa energy market | JEDDAH (R) — Egypt's biggest foreign trade fair opens in Sandi Arabia Wednesday with some

TUNIS (R) — Tunisian Economy Minister Moncef Belaid proposed a plan Tuesday to create a single North African energy market.

Opening a meeting of Arab Maghreb Union ministers in Tunis, he said free trade in electricity, petroleum products and natural gas could form the basis of the common market the union is trying to establish.

Algeria, Libya, Mauritania, Morreco and Tunisia set up the A. Maghreb Union a year ago in response to the challenge of a single European market across the Mediterranean.

"The abundance of energy in some states in the Arab Maghreb and the shortage in some others is an important incentive to... open our borders to Maghreb energy instead of resorting to foreign markets," Belaid said.

His six-point plan, prepared by experts at a meeting last December, proposes linking the electricity grids of all five states, building gas pipelines throughout the region and allowing free competition in the marketing and distribution of petrol products by national oil corporations.

The national grids of Mo: xcco. Algeria and Tunisia are aiready linked and there are plans to link those of Tunisia and Libya. Be-

NEW YORK (R) — Drexel Bur-

nham Lambert Inc., the securities

firm that fuelled Wall Street's

merger mania in the 1980s with its

huge junk bond business, said Monday it would be seeking a

merger partner or investor be-

Rumours of trouble at Drexel

have circulated since the depar-

ture of financial wizard Michael

Milken, who was indicted in the

U.S. government's broad-ranging

insider trading probe and left the

firm last June. Milken, who is

preparing a defence for a pending

court case, has pleaded not

The government put pressure

on Drexel to cut its ties with

cause of financial pressures.

Drexel seeks merger

partner or investor

laid also brought up the idea of exporting North African electricity to Europe through cables across the Strait of Gibraltar and,

to Sicily. Meanwhile, Tunis is making the transition from a closed economy based on import-substitution to one based on openness to the rest of the world, according to

Overall trade grew 33 per cent in 1989 though part of this massive increase came from changes in the use of energy products and higher food imports to compensate for two years of drought.

The transition to an exportoriented economy was one of the aims of a structural adjustment programme adopted in 1986 with

support from the World Bank.
The government has cut tariff rates and relaxed restrictions on imports of many products and has encouraged what amounts to offshore production of textiles and electrical goods.

"The figures suggest they are making progress. The trends are generally in the right direction," a foreign economist said.

The ministry of planning and finance statistics show that although the trade deficit grew 23 per cent in 1989, to 1,369 million dinars (\$1,520 million) from

penalties in late 1989

of favour.

Drexel was one of Wall Street's

most profitable brokers until the

past two years when the high-

yielding, speculative debt secur-ities, called junk bonds, fell out

The unsettled markets, parti-cularly in the high yield area, have already affected the liquid-

ity of our parent corporation,

Drexel Burnham Lambert

Group, which has consolidated

net worth of over \$800 million."

Drexel said in a statement ex-

plaining its decision to find a

Drexel was a sleepy, second-rank Wall Street firm before Mil-

1988, export did rise faster than imports.

The figures are slightly distorted by a switch from the use of locally refined fuel oil in power stations to natural gas imported from Algeria. This helped free an extra 1.2 million tonnes of crude

1,112 million (\$1,235 million) in

gas import bill The main growth areas for exports were cement, clothing, semi-finished footwear and phosphate derivatives.

oil for export and added to the

Economists said the high rate of growth in imports of machinery, especially for the textile, electrical and computer industries, indicated an encouraging level of investment.

But imports of consumer goods have also risen sharply. "It's disturbing that the proportion of consumer goods in overall imports has actually increased," said one. The proportion in 1989 was 25.6 per cent against 25.2 in

Total exports in 1989 were worth 2,782 million dinars (\$3,100 million), a 35.4 per cent increase over against 2,055 million (\$2,280 million) in 1988.

Imports grew 3.1 per cent to 4,151 million dinars (\$4,610 million) from 3,167 million (\$3,520

EC toughens stance on money

laundering

BRUSSELS (R) — The European Community (EC) plans to toughen its stand against the laundering of profits from organised crime with proposals for compulsory measures across the 12-nation group, EC sources said

The EC's executive commission had intended to present new measures, including making money laundering illegal, to member states as a non-binding

Money laundering — channelling profits from crimes like drug-dealing, terrorism and racketeering through above-board companies or banks — is a clear offence only in Britain, France, Spain and Luxembourg.

The new initiative was prompted by concern that as most EC members lift their last restrictions on capital movement by July 1, "dirty" money would be able to

cross borders undetected. Commission sources said the proposals would oblige financial institutions to tell the authorities if they had doubts about the origin of deposits. Police would be able to revoke banking secrecy if they then decided to launch an investigation.

Customer confidentiality is a strong banking tradition, and in some countries, including Luxembourg, is even written into national legislation. Mandela made a speech reaffirm-

200 Egyptian firms eager to enter the kingdom's wealthy consumer

The exhibition in the kingdom's commercial capital reflects growing warmth in Saudi-Egyptian relations restored three years ago after a 10-year break over Cairo's 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

Saudi Arabia postponed its own national industrial exhibition to allow Egypt the honour of opening the new Jeddah Interna-tional Fair Centre.

The Egyptian firms, a mixture of publicly-owned and private companies, are offering a wide range of goods from textiles and ready-made garments to electrical appliances, furniture, food-

"Any Egyptian product that can compete with foreign products will find a place in the Saudi market," said Ezzat Ghazi, Egypt's commercial attache in Jeddah.

Bilateral trade in 1988 totalled 900 million rivals (\$240 million). Final figures for 1989 were not available, but Ghazi said they were certainly higher.

He expected the Egyptian fair to boost trade to one billion rivals (\$267 million) in 1990. We believe we'll achieve this figure, God willing," Ghazi said, adding that trade exchanges

Egypt imported petrochemicals, cables and power pylons from Saudi Arabia while Cairo sold

were balanced.

Ghazi said there were promis-ing signs in the Saudi market for Egyptian furniture, leather products and carpets.

The two countries plan to in-crease trade through tax exemption and studies are under way for a regular sea link to ease the flow

of goods. Ghazi said up to June, Saudi Arabia had invested 960 million Egyptian pounds (\$375 million) in 174 joint ventures in Egypt, with total costs of 2.5 billion pounds (\$1 billion). These co-vered industrial and farm pro-

Saudi Arabia also has shares worth six million pounds (\$2.3 million) in Egyptian firms producing medical equipment and paper among other things.

Nigeria to ask Paris Club to forgive part of \$29b debt

PARIS (R) — Nigeria is to ask its Paris Club debt in March 1989. for part of its debt to be written off or rescheduled to prevent its 1990 export revenue being totally eaten up by debt payments, Budget Minister Alhaji Abuba-

kar Alhaji said. Nigeria will approach its government creditors in the Paris Club, who bear half its external debt, at a meeting during the first quarter of 1990, Alhaji said in an

"The industrial nations have begun to write off the debts of certain countries. We want a more significant part of our debt to be forgiven. Failing that, we want a long-term rescheduling,"

Nigeria won a rescheduling of

JOHANNESBURG (AP) —

Financial markets in South Africa

reacted negatively Monday after

freed African National Congress

(ANC) leader Nelson Mandela

endorsed the group's guerrilla campaign and advocated nationa-

Gold shares on the Johannes-

burg Stock Exchange dropped

four per cent during the day, and

the financial rand - a special

currency used by foreign inves-

tors — dropped 10 per cent in

Analysts quoted by local news-

papers attributed the slump-to

nervousness over Mandela's re-

The initial reaction of the busi-

ness community to Mandela's re-

lease Sunday was enthusiastic, with executives and leaders of

employer associations saying it

would speed political reform and

convince some Western countries

Gavin Relly, chairman of the

Anglo American Corp. mining conglomerate, called the release

"a major step toward normalising

But the mood changed after

South Africa's political life."

to resume investment.

value.

Alhaji said that if the debt was not renegotiated, the 43 billion naira (\$5.5 billion) of export revenues Nigeria expected in 1990 would be eaten up almost entirely by debt servicing of 40 billion naira (\$5.1 billion).

He recently put Nigeria's external debt at \$29.12 billion. Alhaji said it would be difficult to ease up on the government's current austerity drive because Western countries would then

refuse aid. The Western powers ought to be ashamed of themselves ashamed to demand such severe adjustment programmes before

"The nationalisation of mines

is a fundamental policy of the ANC," Mandela said Sunday. "I

believe the ANC is quite correct

The pronouncements were

causing "jitters and uncertainty,

particularly among foreign inves-

tors," an economist at a major

bank said on condition of not

Mandela's stance will "de-

finitely have a negative effect on

foreign perceptions of investment

in South Africa, on local business

confidence and on private fixed

investment," the economist said.

in this attitude."

being identified.

Alhaji said the results of the adjustment policies were beginning to bear fruit, with essential goods no longer scarce, agricultural production improving and the non-oil sector now accounting for

around one quarter of exports.

But increased productivity was still needed to fight inflation which remained a source of concern. He did not contradict the figure of 47 per cent for inflation in 1989 suggested by the French newspaper Le Monde.

Another problem was the increase in the population which continued to outstrip economic "We are consuming more than we are producing," Alhaji said. consenting to give thier assist-

Mandela's tough stance worries business circles ing support for the ANC guerrilla Business leaders remained campaign and for its goal of nationalising mines and banks. hopeful that President F.W. de

Klerk's reforms and concessions

would convince Western coun-

tries to abandon or ease the

sanctions imposed in recent years

as a protest against apartheid. British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, a longtime opponent of sanctions, dropped academic and cultural embargoes when de Klerk legalised the ANC

earlier this month. She now wants to end a ban on new investment. Britain intends to push for a lifting of sanctions at a Feb. 20 meeting of European Community (EC) foreign ministers in Dublin,

Turkey gives Iraq \$800m credits

ISTANBUL (AP) - Turkey has signed protocols with Iraq to open a total of \$800 million in credits to the neighbouring country, a cabinet minister said Monday. State Minister Isin Celebi, returning from a visit to Iraq, told reporters at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport that a protocol was signed to provide a credit of \$400 million to finance Iraq's imports from Turkey. Celebi said a second agreement was also signed with Iraq to open another credit of \$400 million to be used to finance Iraqi projects that would be carried out by Turkish contractors.

N. Yemen expects higher oil output

BAHRAIN (R) — North Yemen is now producing 200,000 barrels per day (b/d) of oil and expects to increase this to 250,000 by the end of the year, Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Al Iryani was quoted on Tuesday as saying. Iryani told Bahrain's Akhbar Al Khaleej newspaper that his country, which began exporting oil in 1987, was also refining 10,000 b/d at a small refinery. He made no mention of exports from the joint border area with South Yemen where a five-company consortium has been awarded exploration rights. North Yemen and South Yemen last November signed an agreement to merge their countries. Iryani said the unity constitution laid down economic principles for the new state. "These are the private, public and joint sectors," he said but gave no details.

British consumer spending fails

LONDON (R) — British retail sales fell slightly last month but Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government is still battling to curb consumer spending and cut inflation, official figures released Monday showed. Retail sales fell by 1.3 per cent in January after an unusually big jump of 1.9 per cent in December. Government officials said the two figures suggested an underlying growth in sales. Spending has been slow to react until now to high interest rates, currently at 15 per cent. Inflation remains stubbornly high at 7.7 per cent. "The government's high interest rate policy is starting to work, but it cannot be relaxed just yet," said Evelyn Brodie, an economist at London brokers Morgan Grenfell Securities. The conservative government said investors cashing in windfall profits from the privatisation of Britain's water industry last December may have swelled spending in January.

Romania reveals economic secret

BUCHAREST (R) — Romania reported Monday another secret emerging from the era of ousted dictator Nicolae Ceausescu - it has a total of 43,000 people out of work. Under Ceansescu, toppled and executed in December, unemployment officially did not exist. The national news agency Rompres said the 43,000 had been registered as jobless for months or years. According to official figures from 1989, Romania has a total workforce of just under eight million people. Rompress said unemployment was hitting young people the hardest, adding large industrial concerns could not increase their workforce because "now they have to comply with the principles of economic efficiency and raising labour productivity."

USSR reduces oil exports to Poland

WARSAW (R) - The Soviet Union has cut crude oil deliveries to Poland by a third for the first quarter of 1990 and Warsaw may have to look elsewhere for supplies, the government newspaper Rzeczpospolita said Tuesday. The cutback by Moscow, which provides most of Poland's oil imports, followed reported reductions in Soviet oil and gas supplies to other East European countries. Jerzy Szewczyk, director of state oil firm CPN, told Rzeczpospolita that Moscow had cut deliveries of crude oil for the first three months of this year to 2.1 million tonnes from 3.1 million tonnes. He did not make clear if all the deliveries had been made yet but said petrol stations would not be affected if demand remained the same until the end of the first quarter. "However, if demand grows the CPN will buy fuel abroad," Szewczyk said. He gave no details and government officials declined to comment.

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Tuesday, February 13, 1990

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

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Danish crowns U.S. dollars

One ounce of gold

One Sterling

Belgian francs French francs Italian lire Japanese yen Swedish crowns Norwegian crowns

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

TOKYO -- Prices dropped broadly at the close. Pre-election jitters and concern over Monday's dip in U.S. stocks gave investors ample excuse to avoid buying and volume was the thinnest for 35 years. The Nikkei Index closed at 37,107.03, down 181.11 on Friday's close.

HONG KONG — Shares tumbled on expected consolidation after last week's 5.75 pct rally. The Hang Seng Index lost 31.11 to

SINGAPORE — The stock market closed on a weak note as the Straits Times Industrial Index retreated sharply to end at 1,575.88, down 17.89 points from Monday's record of 1,593.77. BOMBAY - Share prices ran out of steam after an early rally, ending quietly mixed in volatile trade. The Bombay Stock Exchange eased 0.01 to 673.26.

FRANKFURT — Shares gave up early gains and closed one pct down on worries about soaring yields on German bonds and the costs of German monetary union. The DAX fell 19.41 to 1,840.98.

ZURICH - Swiss shares closed steady to slightly lower in moderate trade as the market followed Frankfurt's lead. The SPI Index lost 1.8 to 1,118.4.

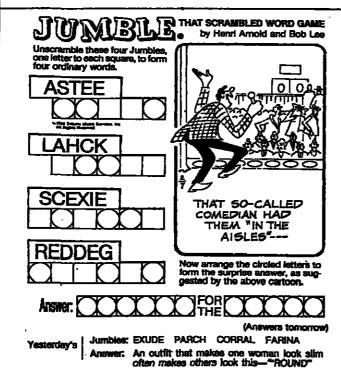
PARIS - Share prices were knocked to the year's lows by further news of Perrier stocks being withdrawn on worries over benzene contamination. The CAC-40 Index ended at 1,845.43, down

LONDON - Shares gave up most of the day's gains as Wall Street dipped after Drexel Burnham Lambert said it was considering a bankruptcy filing. At 1645 GMT the FTSE was 5.3 up at 2,292.2. NEW YORK — Technical support helped Blue Chips regain much of their losses after Drexel Burnham Lambert said it might

file for bankruptcy. The Dow was off five at 2615.

THE BETTER HALF, By Harris Copyright 1990 "I bet you I could drop ten

pounds in less than a week — pay up!"



Benetton pulls out of insurance

MILAN (R) — Benetton, the Italian group which made its name selling colourful knitwear, announced Monday it would pull out of insurance and some otherfinancial services to concentrate on its core industry.

"We do not believe we have the capacity to play a role in finance on an international level," Gianni Mion, managing director of Edizione Holding, which controls Benetton Group

SPA, told a press conference. He said Benetton intended to ties on which its reputation was part of French insurer groupe

Although Benetton has become known over the past decade in Europe, the United States and Far East for its brightly-coloured casual clothes sold through a network or franchised boutiques, it diversified, into areas such as Fashion spectacles and Nordica skiwear as well as insurance and other financial services.

Mion said it had agreed the sale of its 50 per cent stake in Prudential Holding SPA, an insurance business it owns with Britain's concentrate instead on the activi- Prudential Corp, to l'Abeille,

It was also planning to sell its financial services company, in Capital SPA, before the end of this year, Mion said.

He said the Prudential Holding sale would account for more than half of the 150 to 200 billion lire (\$120 to \$160 million) that Edizione expects to receive for shedding its financial services.
"Benetton has no need for

external capital, it has enough resources to invest in its own development and that of Nordica," Mion said.

"We felt that the marriage be-

not indispensable, we are primanily entrepreneurs.'

The group is also considering shedding its banking interests, which include a 12 per cent stake in Banca Friuli and a 50 per cent stake in San Marino-based Credito Industriale Sanmarinese.

In a bid to develop its summer and winter sportswear business, Benetton is seeking potential partners for share exchanges, although it is not interested in mounting full takeovers. Mion



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Tyson, promoter recognise

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Douglas as champ

NEW YORK (AP) -- Boxing

promoter Don King wants the

world to know that he and

Mike Tyson recognise Buster

Douglas as the undisputed beavyweight champion.

King doesn't want the cham-pionship belts back for Tyson.

But he does want an immediate

rematch because of an error by

HEIDELBERG, West Germany (AP) — Steffi Graf learned Mon-

day she won't have to undergo surgery on her broken thumb, but

the top-ranking tennis player

likely will be out of action for

The 20-year-old Graf said she's

sure she'll be ready to play in the French Open starting May 28,

and to resume her quest for a

Graf splintered a bone in her

right thumb when she fell during

a skiing outing in the Swiss resort

She was examined at the

Heidelberg university hospital

last Thursday, but a decision on

whether to operate was post-

Horst Cotta, a specialist at the

Heidelberg hospital, said Graf

won't need surgery but she will

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Graf had already dropped out

of a March 5-11 tournament in

Boca Raton, Florida, and

another on March 16-25 in Key

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"I never asked anybody to

change the decision," King said

in a telephone interview with

the Associated Press late Mou-

Douglas knocked out the pre-

viously unbeaten Tyson in the

10th round on Sunday in Tokyo

in one of the biggest upsets in

Graf told reporters: "In any

But Graf said she was confi-

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DIEGO Maradona's Napoli, toppled and trounced by AC Milan in the Italian Soocer League Sunday, are to thirsty for revenue that a more three days seems too long to wait. -

The two clubs meet each other for the third time in two weeks Wednesday with Napoli hoping home advantage will allow them to exorcise Sunday's enashing 3-0

Wednesday's game could be a crucial psychological turnaround. if they could, the boys would play it this minute," said Napoli coach Alberto Bigon as he prepared his

Napoli, who drew 0-0 away in the first leg of their Italian cap semifinal, need just one goal in Wednesday's second leg to part the European and World Club champions out of the cup.

With Brazilian Alemao and centre-forward Andrez Carnely boisterous home crowd.

But the fans may be more subdued than usual after Sucday's defeat - as one Naples taxi driver told Camevale on his return home; "You see this rain?

in the other cup game Wednes-day, Javentas tackles Roma and are favourites after their 2-0 win

press that Ajax coach Lco Beenhakker was being courted by Juventus, he told Dutch radio he was discussing a possible exten-

His current agreement expires

AN OPEN LETTER TO OMAR

GOREN BRIDGE

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They're team of pain."

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sion of his contract.

in 1991 and Ajax want him to sign for a further two years but Beenhakker said he wanted to see how much money Ajax plan-ned to make available for building up the squad before taking any decision.

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of diamonds, crossed to the ace of hearts and the hand began to be

interesting when I led a trump from dammy and East produced the king!

I crossed to the king of clubs and

ruffed a heart. Back to the table with a diamond ruff for another

heart ruff, then to the ace of clubs to

discard a diamond on the good jack of hearts. A club ruff reduced my

hand to the queen-ten of trumps and queen of diamonds, while West

was down to nothing but three

trumps. I simply led my diamond and poor West had to rulf and then

lead from the jack of spades into my

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you to cut it out and play more bridge. Obviously, you're getting

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for betting against own team LONDON (AP) - English soc- vote of confidence by his current

English soccer manager fined

cer manager Lou Macari was club, West Ham, immediately affound guilty Monday of betting ter the verdict. egainst his own team and fined £1,000 (\$1,700) in a case that had been compared to the 1919 scandal that exiled shoeless Joe Jackson from baseball.

Macari, a former Scottish star who could have received a lifetime ban from soccer, also was censured by the English Football as manager of West Ham." Association disciplinary committee that heard the case. Brian Hillier, chairman of the

Swindon team against which the bet was placed, also was found guilty by the FA committee and suspended from soccer for six The swindon club, which lost

the 1988 FA Cup game 5-0 to heavily favoured Newcastle, was fined £7.500 (\$12,750).

Macari, who was the manager of Swindon in 1988, was given a

"It is apparent from the penalty imposed on Macari that his minimal involvement in respect

of these matters was accepted by the FA," said club secretary Tom Finn. "We trust and hope we will be allowed to return to a normal life and concentrate on his duties Macari and Hillier were found

guilty of violating an FA rule prohibiting players and club officials from betting on the result of a single match. Betting is legal throughout Bri-

tain and each sport is responsible for enforcing its own rules on gambling. The FA does not prevent players or officials from betting on their own team over an extended period, such as predicting the club's place in the standings at the end of the year.

FORECAST FOR TUESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 1990 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

HOROSCOPE

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The early part of the take brings a good e that you could act impetuously as the direct result of the actions of another party who has a WOITYING DATUE.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) You will have new ideas for your home which are extremely good now. You can make mistakes if vou are too anxious to acquire

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Use an opportunity now that gives you a chance to be helpful to a good friend. Being helpful with your attachment's problems brings you much appreciation.

GEMONI: (May 21 to June 21) Make as many new friends as possible at this time. A successful friend has excellent ideas for you in money or in business. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Persons with good helpful

ideas will come into your home. Much care on a trip for accidents when your attachment is present. LEO; (July 22 to August 21) Eventhough inconvenient, study the best ways to improve your daily duties. A trip with your loved one

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Pursue an important financial matter with an interesting new friend. Business persons will be very helpful to you at this time. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Be sure you have all situations in good order at your home. Too much excitement today could frus-

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trate your attachment for a while. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Lack of attention to loved ones could cause friction at home. Take some to your attachment to prove that you really do care about this day.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Join with both friends and groups to have a pleasant social time. Be with your attachment today as much as possible to show you care.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) A new attitude at your home can bring much interest and pleasure. You will need to com-bine affection and self-control to ic your loved one.

AQUARTUS: (January 21 to February 19) Try to see friends and cult for you to contact lately. Entertaining at home requires that you do not be hit with problems. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Don't let any of your family change your home routines. Adopt new practical attitude towards vour close attachment.

Today's child: If your child were born today he or she has it within their power to accomplish a great deal that is very practical in its nature and it is wise that you listen to what this progeny has to say upon maturity for this individual could be a regular genius where business and finance are con-

"The stars impel, they do not compel." What you make of your life is largely up to you.

Boxers focus on referee's count

through eyes blurred by the force of a punch, his brain racing after the anxiety of a knockdown, the fallen fighter sees a referee flashing fingers in front of his face and shouting over the din of the crowd.

"Four five.... six." When that happens, the only thing that matters to the man on the canvas are those fingers. "Seven... eight."

They are his lifeline, the boxer's barometer for survival. Veteran officials agreed Monday those fingers are why Buster Douglas ought to be recognised as the heavyweight champion of the world

Douglas went down from a Mike Tyson punch near the end of the eight round in Sunday's title fight in Tokyo, Referee Octavio Meyran bent over him, and, apparently missing the

timekeeper's call, was a second or two slow in picking up the count. Douglas was up at nine on Meyran's count and at least two referees agree that ought to end all debate right there.

"The way it is supposed to occur," referee Mills Lane said, is once a fighter is down the ref's first concern is getting the other fighter to a neutral corner. If he goes without delay, the ref turns and picks up the timekeeper's count, generally at two or three. If he doesn't go without delay, you can penalise the failure by picking up the count at less than where the timekeeper had it."

There was no indication of any delay by Tyson or any penalty imposed by Meyran. To Lane, however, when Meyran began counting, that had to be the only thing with which Douglas needed to be concerned.

Fairbank upsets Seles

CHICAGO (AP) - Unseeded American Roz Fairbank pounded out a stunning 6-3, 6-4 opening-round triumph over the fourth seed Monica Seles Monday at the Virginia Slims of Chicago tournament.

Rated 27th in the world, Fairbank overcame two weeks of lousy practice rounds to subdue the 6th ranked Seles, 16, of

Yugoslavia. For Fairbank, it was her biggest win in eight Chicago tournaments dating back to 1980. In 1988. Fairbank made it to the quarterfinals before losing to Chris Evert

The fifth seed, Manuela Maleeva, and eighth seeded Pam Shriver advanced in convincing

Maleeva of Switzerland rallied

from a 3-0 second-set deficit to eliminate upstart American Louise Allen, 6-3, 6-3, while Shriver used her big serve -seven aces and 11 service winners - to defeat fellow American

Fairbank scored often with her slicing backhand, taking advantage of a two-and-a-half hour wait. Six earlier singles matches did not finish until 9:30 p.m.

Ann Henricksson, 6-2, 6-2.

Fairbank said she had a terrible practice round earlier Monday, confessing she was ready to quiet

Fairbank said she took advantage of Seles' change of strategy in the second set when she stopped hitting her serve to Fairbank's foreband.

"I knew too, if I mixed it up, I would be able to get a lot of points," added Fairhank

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6 killed in Tajikistan unrest

Dushanbe crowds confront tanks; old dogma in new party platform trouble starts in Soviet Kirgizia

MOSCOW (R) — Angry crowds confronted troops and tanks in Dushanbe, capital of Tajikistan in Soviet Central Asia, Tuesday and press reported said unrest had also broken out in neighbouring Kirgizia.

Six people have aiready died in nots in Dushanbe and a local

dispersed and the situation is now under control," he told Reuters by telephone.

Moscow Radio confirmed that it on fire and rampaged through

opened a centre for Soviet and

East European studies at the Uni-

systems failed.

Boris Mikhailov, a spokesman at the Interior Ministry in Moscow, confirmed that six people had been killed in the riots. He said 108 were injured including 39 members of the security forces. Thirty people had been detained.

The youth newspaper Komsomolskaya Pravda reported that similar unrest broke out in Franze, capital of the neighbour-ing Central Asian republic of

Like the riots in Dushanbe, the crowds' anger was directed at Armenian refugees.

Tens of thousands of Armenians fled the Azerbaijani capital Baku last month after 60 of their people were killed in riots. A few were evacuated to Central Asia capitals, including Frunze and

The newspaper said the centre Franze was sealed off by police Saturday after a series of protest meetings by unemployed

pelted with apple cores. There are least 100,000 people out of work in Kirgizia and high unemployment is widespread in The crowd eventually dis-

persed after receiving assurances from Makhamov that he would answer their demands the next day. But when an even larger crowd massed in front of the central committee building Mon-

day, there was no sign of him. Eyewitnesses said the crowd, some apparently drunk or drugged, broke through a security cordon and burst into the building, ransacking offices and hurling furniture out of the windows. Police said two floors were set on

The journalists said the rioters left the building after failing to find Makhamov and rampaged through the streets, wrecking newspaper Kiosks, looting shops and setting official cars ablaze, pursued by a column of troops.

They said two armoured per-sonnel carriers (APC) headed for the Central Committee building to protect it against the attack but found their way blocked by a barricade of trolleybuses.

"One APC, with the number 322 on its side, moved into a group of onlookers," said one journalist, adding that some of the six people killed then.

Poindexter

WASHINGTON (AP) — A federal judge has delayed the start of John Poindexter's Iran-

contra trial by two weeks but said

he will proceed with plans to take

former President Ronald

Reagan's videotaped deposition.

U.S. district judge Harold Greene said that "hopefully"

Reagan's testimony can be taken

Friday in a courtroom of the

federal courthouse in Los

The judge rejected a sugges-

tion by the ex-president's lawyers that the deposition be taken in a

building in Los Angeles where

One of Poindexter's lawyers,

Richard Beckler, had urged

Greene to put off taking

dle of the trial after Iran-contra

prosecutors have presented their

"I am not going to buy that. We are going to proceed," said

Greene said he is delaying the

start of the trial until March 5 to

resolve a number of issues, in-

cluding disagreement concerning some 150 classified documents

that Poindexter, a former nation-

al security adviser to Reagan.

Regarding the disputes over classified material, the judge will

have to rule on whether the docu-

ments are necessary for the for-

mer national security adviser to

get a fair trial. If Greene rules

that they are necessary and if

U.S. intelligence agencies refuse to allow their declassification, the

Poindexter trial could be placed

As past Iran-contra cases have

shown, it is not unusual to have unresolved last-minute disputes

over the use of classified mate-

rial. There were repeated dis-

putes over the use of such mate-

rial before and during the trial of

former National Security Council

The Iran-contra affair was the

biggest government scandal to hit sovereign allies sharing common the U.S. capital since Watergate. ideals and pursuing the same

staffer Oliver North.

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Soviet Communists abandon

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet would ask the country's parlia-Union's ruling Communists, ment to remove its right to rule Union's ruling Communists, abandoning dogma that has dominated their party's thinking for seven decades, Tuesday appeared headed cautiously along the road of political reform.

A new platform for submission to a party congress in the summer renounced proletarian dictatorship and the class view of international relations while opening the door to a multi-party system and the return of the

"Our ideal is a humane, demo-cratic socialism," declared the document, issued overnight by the Soviet News Agency (TASS) after its approval last week at a plenary session of the party's policy-setting Central Com-

But despite the strong influence of the "new thinking" policies of party General Secretary Mikhail Gorbachev in its wording, the platform was clearly far from launching the Soviet party down the total reform path of Eastern Europe.

It proclaimed loyalty to the philosophy of traditional Soviet Communism's founding fathers Karl Marx, Friedrich Engels and state founder Vladimir Lenin whose formulas many radicals in the former Soviet Bloc now say

were wrong. However, the carefully-worded document appeared to confirm that the party which has ruled alone since soon after the October 1917 Bolshevik Revolution

from the constitution.

And it declared: "The development of society does not preclude the possibility of forming parties. The procedure for their formation will be established by law and reflected in the constitution of the USSR."

The cautious formulation of parts of the document appeared to reflect continued rewithin the party — which since the early 1920s has controlled almost every aspect of Soviet life — to giving up power and pri-

This resistance was voiced by several speakers at last week's Central Committee meeting, at least one of whom accused Gorbachev of taking the country to the edge of anarchy with his "perestroika" programme.

As the platform was being issued through TASS, the Soviet parliament's guiding body, the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet which the Kremlin chief chairs, announced it was pushing hard for much wider powers for a state

Over the past two weeks, Gorbachev supporters have argued for the quick creation of a much more powerful presidential sys-tem which would enable him to take tougher measures in implementing his reforms against conservative opposition.

Saying it wanted the establishment of "democratic presidential

session of the main parliamentary body, the Congress of People's Deputies, should be called soon to consider the idea.

The platform, which will eventually be replaced by a full-blown programme after this summer's congress, provides for a reshap-ing of the long-static structure of

the party and its ruling bodies.

It indicated that the present politburo, the 12-man body that effectively rules the Soviet Union and hands down orders to the government, would disappear to be replaced by a larger and more amorphous party presidium. Sitting on the presidium — a

move clearly taken in deference to a growing mood of independence in many outlying Soviet regions -- would be the party leaders of the country's 15 republics. And, the document indicated

instead of the post of general secretary a new position of party. chairman with two deputies would be established.

The problem posed for Gorbachev by rising tension in the republics was highlighted Monday night by an announcement that a state of emergency and curfew had been declared in Dushanbe, capital of Tajikistan in Central Asia.

Radio Moscow said there were several deaths in rioting there at the weekend and Monday in which, according to one local police chief, local offices of the Communist Party were attacked and partly burned out.

— China Enemies want control of armyimportant to maintain vigilance

"This seems to be more evi-

Diplomats said dramatic re-

forms that could end the Com-

munist Party's monopoly on power in the Soviet Union may be

adding to Chinese concerns with

keeping a firm grasp on power.

Thousands of people remain imprisoned in China and sum-

mary arrests, torture and execu-

tions continue more than eight

dence of a rather large problem

of keeping the army's loyalty," said one Western military expert.

within the army's ranks.

PEKING (Agencies) — China said Tuesday that its enemies wanted to gain control of the army and it vowed to keep the armed forces loyal to socialism

and the Communist Party. The Liberation Army Daily said in a commentary the military was a major obstacle to advocates of "peaceful evolution" who wanted to dismantle the socialist

"In the international arena there are some bourgeois politicians and instigators of unrest-...who believe that a major factor in the failure of last year's turmoil was that they did not gain hold of the military," the newspaper

"Determining whose hands will hold power over the army will be a focus of our long-term struggle with the supporters of bourgeois liberalism," it said.

Bourgeois liberalism is Communist Chinese jargon for unacceptable Western ideas. The commentary appeared aimed at Chinese dissidents who fled overseas after the army crushed prodemocracy protests last June.

Since then, China's Communist leaders have frequently called for the army to remain loyal to the

But they have generally avoided explaining why it was so and legitimate."

MANILA (AP) — President Corazon Aquino Tuesday said U.S.-Philippine relations remain

strong despite her decision not to meet U.S. Defence Secretary

Dick Cheney during his visit next

"My decision not to meet with U.S. Defence Secretary Chency

is not meant as an affront in any

ment that the matters he wants to

take up are best taken up, at this

time, with his counterpart in our

government, (Defence) Secretary (Fidel) Ramos," Mrs. Aquino

"Our relations with the United

States remain strong and firm as

sovereign allies sharing common

way, but the result of my asser

months after the brutal suppression of demonstrators in Tiananmen Square, according to allegations cited Monday in a note by U.N. Secretary-General Javier

The document, containing detailed reports by non-governmen-

democracy movement, is to be discussed by the U.N. Human Rights Commission during its current six-week session. An accompanying letter from

tal human rights groups on Peking's clampdown on the pro-

the Chinese government says authorities showed the "utmost tolerance and restraint in the face' of illegal demonstrations" and

describes its actions as "instified

democratic and peaceful in-

Mrs. Aquino complained Sun-

day that American newspapers

published speculative reports on

the contents of her conversations'

with visiting American officials. She said that to avoid more spe-

culation, she would not be meet-

ing visiting U.S. officials in the

Aquino was referring to re-

ports that Robert Gates, deputy

national security adviser of U.S.

President George Bush, warned

her last month to make sweeping

changes in government to address

grievances raised by rebel sol-

diers who launched the Decem-

Meanwhile, Foreign Secretary

ber comp attempt.

Aguino: ties with U.S. still strong

terests," she said.

The examination of the situation in China by the U.N.'s top human rights body follows a cautions resolution adopted last August by a panel of experts which

called on Perez de Cuellar to

"transmit ... information provided by the government of China and by other reliable sources.' The 29-page note sent by the U.N. chief to the commission contains a report from Amnesty International charging that despite the lifting of martial law on Jan. 10, Peking's hardline government has announced no pardon for the thousands imprisoned

"There have been further arbitrary arrests, and prisoners continue to be detained incommunicado without charge or trial, imprisoned or executed after un-

for taking part in the demonstra-tions last June.

The human rights group said tens of thousands had been arrested since June, including up to 10,000 in Peking alone. Official reports put the number of detainees throughout the country at about 10,000.

Amnesty has estimated that a least 1,000 were killed and thousands injured when troops moved in on peaceful demonstrators in Tiananmen Square.

Raul Manglapus and U.S.

Ambassador Nicholas Platt met

Tuesday to consider possible

dates for the start of talks on the

future of the six U.S. military

said the Philippines proposed that

talks begin in April after the Easter holidays.

held last December, but Mrs.

Aquino decided to postpone

them following the military

U.S. operates out of Clark Air Base, Subic Bay Naval Station

and four smaller installations ex-

pires in September 1991.

An agreement under which the

The talks were to have been

Manglapus told reporters the two sides were "trying to arrive at a mutually acceptable date." He

bases in the Philippines.

are getting a divorce. For the couple who have graced every society page from the New York Times to Vanity Fair magazine, living "happily ever after" was something that money just couldn't buy. A spokesman for Trump, confirming that Trump is to seek a divorce, has told Rea-

Billionaire Trump.

NEW YORK (R) — There is

indeed trouble in paradise -

billionaire real estate tycoon

Donald Trump and his wife Ivana

wife split ..

ters that a presuptial agreement gives 41-year-old Ivana, a blonde, Czechoslovak-born elegant former fashion model and Olympic skier, between \$20 million and \$25 million, the couple's mansion in Greenwich, Connecticut, and custody of their three children. All this might seem sting comm from a man worth in excess of \$ billion, but New York gossip col-umnists say there is a possibility Ivana may try to break the pact, renegotiated as recently as two years ago. A spokesman for the 43-year-old Trump said the agreement was most likely "100 per cent enforceable in a court of law." While Trump was building and buying and naming jut about everything after himself, the story-book marriage of 12 years was in tatters, according to New York Daily News columnist Liz Smith, who broke the story over the weekend. The Daily News said Ivana was so busy taking care of the children, as well as her own business dealings, that she had no idea that their marriage was in trouble. Trump supposedly and formed Ivana the marriage was over last Tuesday before he flow to Tokyo to see the Mike Tyson-Buster Douglas world.

Simon, Lander remarry

heavyweight bout.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Playwright Neil Simon and actress Diane Lander, who divorced 18 months ago, have remarried. Actors Richard Benjamin and Paula Prentiss and comic Carl Panla Prentiss and come can Reiner were among the 30 guests at the wedding at Simon's Bel-kir home. Simon, 62, and Madander, 38, first wed in January 1987. and they divorced in the summer of 1988. Many of Simon's mark than 25 plays have been turned into motion pictures, including.

Barefoot in the Park, the Odd 2 Couple, Biloxi Blues and the Sunshine Boys. Ms. Lander was a regular on the now-defunct television show House Calls.

Sex offenders to choose castration or long sentence:

OLYMPIA, Washington (AP) -The Washington Senate has passed a measure allowing sex offenders to choose castration in exchange for reducing their sentences by as much as 75 per cent. The bill was approved 25-23 and sent to the House where speaker Joe King said the measure probably won't come up before next vear. The measure, and other legislation aimed at repeat sex offenders, is the legislature's reaction to recent crimes, including the sexual mutilation of 7-year-old Tacoma boy. Senate critics accused backers of the bill. of showing "blood lust" and said such a law would dump unrepentant sex criminals back on the streets years earlier than if they were to serve full prison terms. They predicted the courts would throw out such a law. But sponsors said studies have shown cartration to cut repeat crime by 75 per cent or more. "Mutilation it." too good for these people," said. Senator Brad Owen. "It should a Senator Brad Owen. It snown be mandatory for these creeps."

Both houses have approved touch sex-crimes legislation suggested by a citizens task force appointed.

Wars threaten famine in 4 African states

in four African countries wracked by civil war, the U.N. Food and

African crops from locusts and grasshoppers and most countries will have enough to eat because of good harvests in 1989, a special FAO report on food supplies in sub-Saharan Africa said.

But it warned: "Famine conditions are emerging in northern Ethiopia, southern and western Sudan and large areas of Mozambique and Angola.

The food supply situation is

stable in most countries. Some others with bumper harvests would need help from donors to export their surplus production, it Zimbabwe, Zambia, Tanzania.

Kenya and Mali all had large

The FAO said relief operations heavy fighting between the gov-ernment and two large rebel movements in the areas of greatest need.
"Only a major international

relief effort will avert loss of life in the coming mouths," it added.
The FAO said food supplies in war-torn southern and western Sudan were also critical after a poor harvest of sorghum and millet last year.

"The situation is deteriorating daily, with increasing movement of displaced and war affected populations," the report noted. The 300,000 people living in the besieged southern regional capital Juba faced "imminent starvation" because of restric-tions on relief flights to southern Sudan imposed by the government last November

An estimated 200,000 tonnes of The outlook for this year's

and the Angolan government told FAO officials that 2.6 million people would be affected by food

The FAO said "bandit activi-

ties including the sabotage of infrastructure" were hampering the distribution of relief food in Mozambique, another country wracked by civil war.

Mozambique's food aid re-quirements for the year to March 1990 had been estimated at 800,000 tonnes but only half of .: this had been delivered so far, it added.

"The outstanding commit-ments sunst be expedited to avoid widespread starvation," the FAO

tion in the deficit areas.

The FAO estimated that cereals production in sub-Saharan

7.9 million last year.
Half could be purchased commercially on the world market, but the rest would have to come

in the form of food aid.
The FAO said 12 African countries had food surpluses totalling 1.2 million tonnes last year and urgently needed donor as

For example, several Western donors are exporting surplus Kenyan maize to southern Sudan,

The donors are paying for the maize with shipments of wheat, which Kenya still has to import. The FAO also encouraged donors to buy grain from surplus areas in countries which have localised shortages for distribu-

NAIROBI (R) — Famine grain harvest in Angola is poor in Ethiopia were complicated by threatens over 15 million people

Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said Tuesday. There was little damage to

grain surpluses last year.
The FAO said the most scrious food crisis in 1990 is in Ethiopia, which needs 1.1 million tonnes of food aid following last year's severe drought in the north of the

food aid would be needed for southern and western Sudan this year, but most of this could be procured from surpluses in other parts of the country.

ahortages.

"The food supply situation is deteriorating and the number of people displaced by drought and civil strife is increasing," the FAO report said. Angola would need 300,000

tonnes of food aid during the 12 mouths to March 1990, but only 150,000 tonnes had been pledged and a mere 29,000 tonnes had actually arrived in the country, the report added.

Africa fell six per cent to 54.3 million tonnes last year.

As a result, the region's grain import requirement would rise to 8.8 million tonnes in 1990 from

to dispose of them through swap or multilateral agreements.

ere it is being distributed by relief agencies.

by Gov. Booth Gardner. Global Weather (major world cities) MAY AMSTERDAM ... ATHENS..... BAHRAIN BANGKOK BUGNOS AIRES FRANKFURT.....

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TOKYO.

iournalist said automatic gunfire could be heard Tuesday as crowds defied troops, tanks and armoured vehicles sealing off the approaches to the Communist Party Central Committee and packed into nearby streets.

A spokesman at the official Tajik News Agency Tadzhiktag said the crowds twice tried to smash through the security cordon but were forced back.

"Eventually the crowds were

tanks had been sent into Dushanbe to enforce a state of emergency declared Monday night after rioters attacked the Central Committee building, set

Ryzhkov starts visit to Australia MELBOURNE (AP) — Soviet versity of Melbourne. Prime Minister Nikolai Ryzhkov, The computerised food disthe highest ranking Kremlin official to visit Australia, arrived Tuesday in the latest stop on a Pacific tour aimed at forging clos-

er economic ties. Ryzhkov arrived from Bangkok and was greeted by Prime Minister Bob Hawke and Foreign Shortages of food and ineffi-

Minister Gareth Evans. Ryzhkov, the main architect of ing problines. Soviet economic reform, will spend three days in Australia. visit three cities and sign agree-State, Ryzhkov said the Soviet ments on matters including port Union would not be stopped in its access for Soviet fishing trawlers

and consular guarantees and commodities deals. He spent Tuesday inspecting the distribution centre for the he said. Australian-owned Safeway super-market chain and later officially He said reforms underway

WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

MOSCOW (R) — A Soviet space ship with two cosmonauts on board docked with the Mir space station Tuesday, the Soviet News Agency TASS reported. The Soviet TM-9 carrying mission

Commander Anatoly Solovyov and flight engineer Alexander Balandin docked at 9:35 a.m Moscow time (0635 GMT), TASS

said. The Soyuz crew are to replace cosmonants Alexander

Viktorenko and Alexander Serebrov, who have been in orbit

aboard Mir for five months and plan to return to Earth Monday.

The new cosmonauts blasted off Sunday from the Bakakinour

cosmodrome in Soviet Central Asia. They are the sixth team to

occupy Mir since its launch in February 1986 to replace the

Salyut-7 space station, which was stripped of its equipment and

abandoned. TASS gave no details of Tuesday's docking. When

Viktorenko and Serebrov arrived at Mir last Sept. 8, they had to

make a manually-controlled link-up after automatic docking

CAGAYAN DE ORO, Philippines (R) - About 90 Communist

guerrillas were killed and more than 100 wounded when military

planes bombed a rebel stronghold in the southern Philippines last

week, a captured guerrilla said Tuesday. The military said two soldiers were killed and 14 were wounded during a week-long

battle ending last Friday in Balingansag municipality, Misamis Oriental province, 750 kilometres south east of Manila. It said

government forces used bomber planes and five helicopter

gunships to pound the rebels' mountain camp in the bloodiest fighting this year with guerrillas of the New People's Army (NPA), who have been waging an insurgency for 20 years. The captured rebel, Laureto Castillo, was among those who escaped

during the attack but was later arrested by the military. "The

bombs hit our logistics command post and about 90 of us were

killed," Castillo said in an interview. "Our cadre leaders left us

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — The death toll risen to 24 and

three people remained missing Tuesday following the Saturday eruption of a volcano in central Java, a local official and news

reports said. "There have been 21 people found dead in Blitar regency as of Tuesday evening," said Abdul Mursid of Blitar's disaster response office. The official Antara News Agency said another three villagers, including an infant, were killed in the

neighbouring regency of Kediri. Mount Kelnd, a 1,731-metre

volcano, erupted Saturday, spewing dust, gravel and rock over as far as 50 kilometres from the summit. The eruption destroyed

Blitar's parliament building, about 35 kilometres south of the volcano crater, and a storehouse with 4,000 tonnes of fertilizer, Mursid said. A total of 295 bouses and 60 other buildings,

including schools, storehouses, factories and shops, were damaged. He said 108 of the houses were destroyed.

SELMA, Alabama (AP) — About 150 black students have ended a five-day sit-in at Selma High School, then briefly joined a

demonstration at city hall, all part of a racial protest that shut

down all schools in this landmark city of the civil rights

movement. The proteters carried a banner that said "keep the

dream alive" to the city hall where they packed the corridors. A

few adults took part along with the students. Before their arrival,

all city hall offices were open, with only a handful of protesters in

sight. When the students jammed inside, however, all offices

closed, except for Mayor Joe Smitherman's. He remained, with

several police guarding his door. By noon, all but about 25 adult

and student protesters were gone from city hall, and offices

U.S. blacks end one of two sit-ins

reopened.

Indonesian voicano toli rises to 24

and it was each man for himself."

90 rebels killed in Philippine attack

Soviet spaceship docks with Mir

tribution and management at the complex could be useful in the Soviet Union, said Vadim P. Perfiliev, deputy head of the Soviet Foreign Ministry Information

cient distribution are one of the Soviet government's most press-

reform programmes. "Despite the difficulties, we are determined to continue along

Later at a dinner given by Premier John Cain of Victoria

the road we have mapped out,"

were the "most radical" ever

carried out to "democratise the

whole of our society and develop

a new federalism in my country."

Last week the Soviet Communist Party Central Committee approved a proposal to end the party's monopoly on power. The proposal must be passed at an upcoming Communist Party con-

Soviet Central Asia where there

is little industry and the main

crops of cotton and fruit provide

only seasonal work for much of

the population.
"Certain people were spread-

ing rumours about the arrival of

several thousand refugees from Azerbaijan and other regions of

the country and that they were

being given apartments," Komso-molskaya Pravada said.

"People believed the rumours and passions were inflamed still

further. People began to shout

According to local journalists the trouble in Dushanbe started

Sunday after agitators from Azer-

baijan began spreading rumours in the city markets that thousands

of Armenian refugees were being

given priority on housing lists. They said between 5,000 and

10,000 people attended a meet-

ing in the city Sunday demanding

the expulsion of all refugees with-

in 24 hours. When party chief

Kakhar Makhamov attempted to

address the crowd he was greeted

with a chorus of whistles and

nationalist slogans.

gress to be implemented. Ryzhkov, the no. 2 man in the Kremlin, also will visit Canberrathe federal capital, and Sydney, Australia's largest city. He has lengthy talks scheduled with Hawke and also meetings with some of the country's top busi-

ness leaders. While in Bangkok, Ryzhkov voiced optimism for a peaceful solution to the Cambodia conflict and said the Soviet Union's

efforts to reform the economy were on the right track. He leaves Friday for Singapore, which next year will host a major meeting of Pacific rim

| California oil spill hits nature

preserve HUNTINGTON BEACH, California (AP) - Waves of grimy crude oil spilled by a tanker has washed onto a 3.2-kilometres stretch of beach near a refuge for

endangered pelicans and other Authorities closed about 16 kilometres of popular surfing and sunbathing beaches to the public for at least three weeks because of the health threat posed by

In Washington, meanwhile, President George Bush said that he hasn't decided whether to open new tracts off California and Florida to oil drilling, but he defended offshore-well safety and said the country needs oil.
"I have said that we're not

fumes from the oil.

going to have drilling in highly environmentally sensitive places. But I'll be damed if I think we ought to shut down all offshore drilling everywhere," Bush said at a news conference.

He questioned the logic of drilling opponents in California who believe their case was bolstered by last week's oil spill off

Huntington Beach.

"A freighter or tanker has a hole punched in it and I see a whole bunch of guys jumping up and down saying this proves you can't have any offshore drilling," said Bush, a former oilman. "I'm not sure I understand the connec

U.S. Senator Alan Cranston of California viewed the fouled beaches from a helicopter, then criticised Bush's statments. "The president should read the environmental impact statements

by his own Department of the Interior, which point out that the more drilling platforms that you have, the more tankers you will need," said Cranston.
Meanwhile, the 400,000 gallons
(1.5 million liters) of crude oil

spilled by the tanker continued to

wash ashore. Cleanup crews dispatched to the fouled Bolsa Chica State beach discovered what authorities called the most serious beach pollution since the spill Wednesday from the tanker American Trader. The ship had apparently punctured itself twice on its own anchor as it manouvred near a submerged pipeline.